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Edward Cathony worked as an elec-

trical tester, knew nothing about art except that he liked to draw. Two years after enrolling with us, he became Art and Production manager for a growing advertising agency.

With our training, Wanda Pickulski was able to give up her typing job and become the fashion artist for a local department store.

Earns Seven Times as Much

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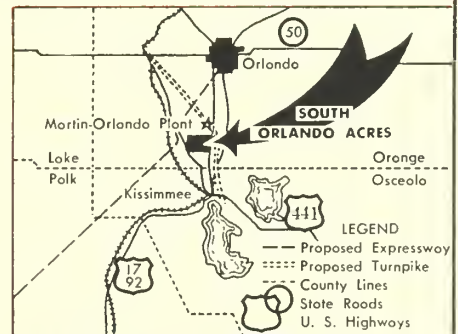
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Orlando is the County Seat of Orange County, which now has a population of 246,000, according to annual estimates of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research of the University of Florida! This figure represents a 114 PERCENT GROWTH FROM THE FEDERAL CENSUS OF 115,000 ON APRIL 1, 1950!

Furthermore, the Population Forecasts of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research indicate that by 1970, ORANGE COUNTY WILL HAVE A PERMANENT POPULATION OF 375,000 . . . hence, South Orlando Acres must logically be affected by the resulting increase in demand for land in the County!

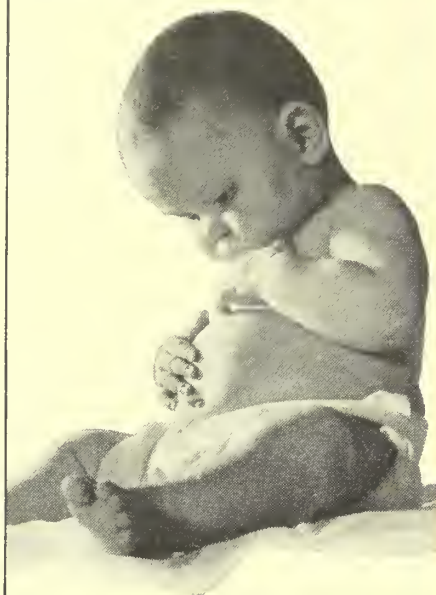
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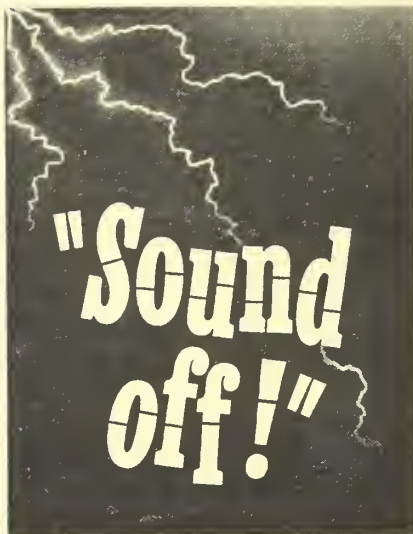


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MEDICINE COSTS \$\$\$

Sir: I would like to comment on the article "America's Most Flourishing Fraud" in the October issue. I speak from the middle-class point of view. When illness comes, there's no money put aside. To go to a doctor is expensive. He gives you a prescription that is sometimes even more expensive. He wants to see you again in a week or two. If there's no improvement, he gives you another prescription. After medication over a long period without results you may have to go to the hospital, where the expense really mounts. At wit's end, a suffering person is going to try something that is cheaper; and something from a druggist's shelf which is advertised is much cheaper. I have great respect for the medical profession, but I think they charge outrageous prices for something we need to keep a healthy population.

Mrs. John Roof
San Fernando, Calif.

OMITTED CZAR

Sir: In *The American Legion Magazine* for November a full-page spread featured "The Men Who Led the Allies to Victory in World War One." We, Russian Veterans of World War One who have fought in the ranks of the Imperial Russian Army both on the Eastern Front and in France, believe that an unfortunate error has been made in not listing His Majesty Emperor Nicholas II of Russia and Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, Commander in Chief of the Russian Armies. Granted that Russia did not complete the war to its ultimate end, but I do not believe anyone can forget that as late as 1917 the Central Powers had 130 army divisions committed to the Eastern Front. Even during the Armistice in 1918, 55 divisions were still deployed on Russian territory.

Paul P. Petroff, President
Society of the Russian
Veterans of the World War,
Inc.
San Francisco, Calif.

HERBLOCKISM

Sir: Enclosed is a cartoon by a fellow, Herbert Block by name, who publishes his stuff under the name Herblock. His material is syndicated and our local newspaper, *The Santa Barbara News-Press*, prints his trash from time to time. I would like to call your attention to one of his cartoons showing the American flag in which dollar signs — \$\$\$ — are substituted for the stars which normally appear in the field of blue. I resent this insult to our flag and to all patriotic Americans. Harking back in memory, I recall an incident that occurred when I was a little girl. A newspaper printed a cartoon depicting an American flag split in the center, with a fat-bellied politician sitting in the middle on a mound of moneybags. I remember the howl that went up from the American people; it resulted in the newspaper's printing an abject apology. What is the matter with us? Are we less patriotic? Are the laws changed, the laws which forbade defacement or insult to our flag? Are we so weak that we allow our flag to be dishonored?

Mrs. H. C. Hill
Santa Barbara, Calif.

LOYALTY OATH

Sir: The loyalty oath is fiercely opposed and denounced on American university campuses. Both educators and students claim that it is distasteful and insulting. Why? This is at a time when the House Un-American Activities Committee continues to amass new and shocking evidence on communism in our country. America today needs more and more patriotic citizens who are dedicated to our way of life.

Allen A. Stuart
Phoenix, Ariz.

DOGGONE!

Sir: This is a story about a puppy owned by Hazel Weede Smiles. He is a cocker spaniel and he is a very good little doggy, but on occasions when left alone he chews up a magazine. There are different periodicals about, but which magazine does he chew? You are right, *The American Legion Magazine*. Mrs. Smiles has said that she could not figure out whether the pet was an intelligent dog who likes good material, or just an ornery little puppy who does not like *The American Legion*.

Lester McGowan
Buchanan, Mich.

SANDBURG ON TV

Sir: Several weeks ago I caught a *Meet the Press* program on TV. The guests were Carl Sandburg and his professional photographer, whose name I forget. The two had just returned from a visit to Russia. The press panel, handling Sandburg with considerable respect, did a superb job of probing, searching, and exploring — but to no

end. Sandburg did a masterful job of equivocating and double-talking. He slanted a poison barb at The American Legion, and gave Joe McCarthy a good boot. But above all things he was asked by one of the panel why the Russians paid such high tribute to Abraham Lincoln. Sandburg's reply was: "Because they thought he was a man of violence!" This he repeated. Get the record! I suggest that this character has got too big for his britches. He has had simply too much applause for his scribbles. In some respects he reminds me of the Fabian devotee George Bernard Shaw, only Sandburg could not hold a candle to Shaw intellectually.

W. D. Montgomery
St. Louis, Mo.

FOUND FRIENDS

Sir: Thank you for running a notice about our reunion in your September issue. It also was printed in the *V.F.W. Magazine*, *Naval Reservist*, and *All Hands*. Arthur Godfrey and Garry Moore put us on the air, and we heard from about 30 former shipmates. At present writing we have 21 signed in as members. Six have mentioned *The American Legion Magazine* as their means of getting in touch, and five have mentioned Godfrey; the rest are scattered through the other sources of information.

Jacob J. Kammer,
Executive Secretary
North Sea Mine Force
Association, Inc.
Floral Park, N. Y.

TO GET MORE DOCTORS

Sir: In your October issue the letter "More Doctors Needed" started to worry me. It is very true and it is of great concern to the Legion. I know this shortage exists, for there is evidence of it in the greater Cincinnati area where some doctors will not accept new patients and others keep patients waiting past midnight to be treated. I suggest that the United States Government build a Medical Academy just as they have the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies. Or I suggest that qualified ROTC graduates be accepted into medical schools, after which they can serve their hitch in the service. This would provide the services with medics and military personnel. I suggest that the United States Government provide a means of assisting students financially so that those qualified and with the desire can be developed and not eliminated by exorbitant costs.

Arthur Lierman
Covington, Ky.

HEARTENING

Sir: As a Legionnaire, I read with considerable interest in the November issue of our magazine concerning the important work by The American

Legion with the cooperation of men of the caliber of Dr. I. Ignacy Goldberg for the welfare of our limited children. It is heartening to know that the Legion is giving not alone so much of funds but of interest to this very important work.

Hirsch L. Silverman, Ph.D.
Yeshiva University,
New York City

A BREAK FOR WOMEN?

Sir: In your November editorial "Democracy, New Style" your theme is well chosen and the treatment is fine, but you let yourself get carried away. It is obvious that you were writing with tongue in cheek, but dynamite is still dynamite and not to be handled carelessly. Toward the end of your discourse you write, and I quote: "... we ought to start out by correcting the greatest iniquity of all. What about the women?" What about them, indeed? There are very few (thank God) in Congress or on the Town Council, and none at all on the Supreme Court. But in a few more years they will have the Congress and the Town Council, and they will be the Supreme Court. Let's start by giving the ladies a break! Yes, yes, by all means. Meet one of them in a traffic jam, in a revolving door, or in a court of law — and see the kind of a break you get. We gave them their break at the polls and look at us now. History gives Sir Walter Raleigh a great play, but history has neglected to pinpoint him as the greatest chump of all time.

Doug Wilson
Portland, Oreg.

STOP CHAPLIN

Sir: Some time ago the *Miami Herald* printed the rumor that strings are being pulled to permit Charlie Chaplin, the ex-movie star, to re-enter this country. Let's stop him. We have no room for this ingrate who became a multi-millionaire here and, on sailing for Europe to join his like-minded friends, thumbed his nose at us with scurrilous remarks. Maybe he now realizes the United States is not such a bad place after all. If there is any basis to the rumor, stop him. I believe you and the other veterans organizations working together can do it.

C. Edward Palmer
Vero Beach, Florida

TOO MANY PEOPLE?

Sir: I am writing about the "Pro and Con" article in the August issue regarding immigration. Why do we have to import more people into the fast growing realm of Old Glory? In 1918 we had around 100,000,000 people. Now that figure has almost doubled. Unemployment plagues us and the urban areas have serious traffic and schooling problems. We bear no

grudge against immigrants. We are all immigrants or descendants of same. Would this country suffer if immigration ceased?

Perry Land
Long Beach, Calif.

ON SHOES

Sir: I was very much interested in the article "We Are Killing Our Feet" in the September issue. I have been repairing shoes since 1911 and know a few things about them. In the old days shoes were made of real leather and there weren't any concrete sidewalks to wear them out. Folks bought shoes to fit their feet not their eyes. Today's shoes are made for style and to heck with the fit. Most of today's shoes are paper or fibre and when they get wet they fall apart. This is especially so with women's shoes. Some shoe manufacturing firms make shoes that are so bad that they are ashamed to put their labels in them, children's shoes in particular.

Gordon C. Askins
Botell, Wash.

\$1,000 AN HOUR

Sir: The proponents of the \$1.25 per hour minimum wage law ignore basic economic truths. Common sense will tell us that if all wages were to be doubled at once, no one would be any better off unless production were to be increased. Our standard of living depends on production and not on wages. Even if we made the minimum wage \$1,000 an hour, the unskilled worker getting this minimum wage would have difficulty in making ends meet. He could not keep up with Jones who is making \$2,000 an hour and is outbidding him on the available food, shelter, and luxuries. And soon the "liberals" would be asking for \$1,250 an hour to help the underprivileged. As soon as any minimum wage is set, it automatically becomes insufficient. For if we are to maintain our rate of production, the incentive system must be maintained and the skilled workers will get proportionate wage increases. This puts the unskilled worker where he was before — on the bottom. I do not heartlessly say that we should ignore him and do nothing, but I do say that the only real way to help the unskilled worker is to increase production. Isn't it strange that the very people who profess sympathy for the unskilled worker also favor featherbedding, restrictions on labor-saving devices, waste, and all things that hamper production? How can the little fellow have more unless we produce more?

Angelo M. Monti
Eatontown, N. J.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

JEWEL-LIKE CONSISTENCY

PUBLICITY BEING the valuable commodity it is, as proved by the investigation into phony TV and radio quiz shows, the American Civil Liberties Union immediately got into the act. Its contribution was a statement in praise of the investigation into this sordid mess. In view of the manner in which the ACLU used to object to congressional investigations, this expression was passing strange. But then, this time the Congressmen were only embarrassing a lot of crooks and fakers, not a collection of communists.

The American Civil Liberties Union, days earlier, announced that it was sending some observers to Spain to make sure that justice was done to some people being tried for attempting to overthrow the anticommunist government there. However, we have seen no announcement from the ACLU saying that it was sending observers to Cuba to see how Castro's beardniks dispense communist-type justice to Cuban nonconformists. But maybe there would be no point in spending money on such a junket. We are quite sure that the ACLU would report that all was as it should be there.

GOOD LESSON WELL TAUGHT

IF THERE IS such a thing as a "Teacher of the Year" award, we'd like to nominate Melvin C. Willett for it. Mr. Willett, who teaches in Freehold, New Jersey, was disturbed by the "so-what?" attitude of his high school students with regard to fixed TV quizzes. Reflecting today's easy-going ethics, the kids argued that as long as there was nothing illegal about the fixed quizzes, and since there was money to be made out of them, why condemn the practice?

Mr. Willett then announced that he was going to give a current events test, one whose results would go on the record. It was a tough examination, and as he asked the questions he wrote the answers so that a few of the students could see them. These students passed but the rest flunked badly. This threw the class into an uproar. How come, the kids wanted to know, a few of the students had been given a special break and the rest penalized? The teacher blandly informed them that there was no law against what he did, so what were they complaining about?

There followed another discussion of fixed TV shows; but this time, according to Mr. Willett, the students showed a far more critical and mature point of view.

Possibly Mr. Willett should teach at

Columbia University where a lot of immature undergraduates are still bewailing the sad fate of Charles Van Doren.

MOSCOW ON THE AIR

A LEADING AMERICAN broadcasting station, WBT in Charlotte, North Carolina, is giving extensive circulation in the U.S.A. to the propaganda that is constantly beamed here from Radio Moscow.

And we're 100 percent in favor of it.

For in doing so WBT is not only keeping many Americans aware of the communist line, it is also providing the answers to the lies broadcast by Moscow. The WBT program is just a year old this month, having started on January 18, 1959. It began as a weekly feature, but proved so popular that it is now heard three times a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 9:15 to 9:30. Since WBT is an extremely powerful station, the *Radio Moscow* feature reaches a large part of the Eastern seaboard. (The station's frequency is 1110 kilocycles, in case you want to tune in the show.)

To get its material, WBT records from 15 to 20 hours per week of Radio Moscow's North American shortwave service. An editorial staff reviews this material and selects the most important items to be rebroadcast and discussed. Listeners can hear the Kremlin's interpretation of such things as the shooting down of an unarmed American plane, Khrushchev's latest pronouncement, etc., followed by the truth.

Because of the importance of the series and the interest it has aroused, Stations WMBR in Jacksonville, and KSAY in San Francisco are now carrying the program. Tapes are being rebroadcast back into Russia via the Voice of America, and last April WBT received an order for some of the tapes from a Mrs. Eugenia Stepanova, of Radio Moscow.

Legion Posts interested in expanding the work being done by WBT might give some thought to the use of its tapes over their local stations. Full information can be obtained from Virgil V. Evans, managing director of WBT, Charlotte.

REMEDIES FOR APATHY

SOME MONTHS AGO Charles H. Brower, president of the well-known advertising agency Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne, made a speech in which he deplored the necessity for having signs at West Point telling spectators to remove their hats when the flag went by. In the audience was Howard A. Trumbull, head of a Toledo market research firm, National Family Opinion, Inc. Mr. Brower's remarks impressed him so much that he decided to make a survey about ownership and display of the flag.

Results were anything but reassuring. Out of 8,604 families who answered the questionnaire, only 20% said they owned a flag. Of those who did have a flag, only 67% said they had displayed it during the previous 12 months. Memorial Day and Independence Day accounted for the greatest display of flags, 86% and 82% respectively. Veterans Day was far down

the list, with a 27.4 figure. And don't forget that this was a mere 27% of the 20% who even possess the flag of their country!

Interesting angles brought out by the survey:

The higher the income, the *less* inclination to display the flag.

The higher the education, the *less* inclination to display the flag.

Draw your own conclusions.

ANOTHER APPROACH

WHAT CAN BE DONE to make Americans respond as they once did to the sight of Old Glory? That is, in the days before they were sold the bill of goods that love of country is a form of stupidity indulged in only by ignoramuses.

Mr. Trumbull, the man who made the flag survey, provided one answer that shows how easy it is to make people snap out of their apathy. He had a flagpole installed on his own building and started displaying the flag daily. Soon neighboring buildings were following suit. And not long afterwards the Toledo Small Business Association took the cue and announced plans for an "Old Glory Week" in Toledo—the object of which was to have 50,000 flags flying in Toledo the week of Thanksgiving, and to make Toledo known as the City of Flags.

OUR PATRIOTIC MINORITY

WED LIKE TO PAY our respects to another organization which is doing an outstanding job of promoting patriotism, by giving Americans a better understanding of their country. This organization is American Heritage Publishing Co., whose *American Heritage*, "The Magazine of History," makes the story of the United States not only interesting but exciting. The October issue of this publication, incidentally, contains a beautifully illustrated article, "The War to End War," by Laurence Stallings. This is "must reading" for every World War I veteran—and everyone else. The same publisher recently brought out a large, handsomely bound and illustrated book called *The Pioneer Spirit* that is a significant contribution to American history. It is not just an account of the men who made the long trek westward, but it portrays the powerful spirit of individualism that motivated them—a spirit that is now opposed to collectivism at home and abroad.

CALENDARS GALORE

AT THIS TIME of year, when people stock up on calendars from the butcher, the baker, the hardware man, and the local mortician, we give you not one but 17. The Legionnaire's Calendar, on page 9, is published this year for the fifth time, by popular request. The other calendars, on the cover depicting a calendar factory, are the products of Brown & Bigelow, the world's largest manufacturer of calendars. Each year this famous St. Paul concern turns out many millions of calendars, and the chances are you have several of its output in your possession right now.



HELPING TO TEACH . . . HELPING TO LEARN. Classroom scene in Cortland, N. Y. This is one of the schools now using Educational TV. More than one TV receiver can be used where teachers wish to accommodate larger classes at one sitting.

TEACHING BY TV

Bell System facilities meet a new need. Already a vital link in filling educators' requirements within a locality, state or across the nation

An interesting current development in education is the use of television for instruction—both in classrooms and in the home.

Evidence that a shortage of qualified teachers is developing coincides with the need for some way to meet the awakened interest in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and education in general—from the elementary school to the college level.

Many educators, in studying the twin problem, are thinking more and more about the possibilities of Educational TV in their teaching programs.

In transmitting TV lessons and lectures from place to place, various means are available. Closed circuit Educational TV systems between schools may be required. Or connection between broadcasting stations in different cities. Or a hook-up between closed circuit systems and one or more broadcasting stations.

Whatever distribution of TV is needed, in city, county, state, or across the country, the Bell Telephone Companies are equipped to provide it. They have the facilities and years of know-how. And the on-the-spot manpower to insure efficient, dependable service.

For over three years, the local Bell Telephone Company has provided the

closed circuit ETV network which successfully serves thirty-six schools in Washington County, Maryland.

In Louisville, Kentucky, telephone company facilities now connect five elementary schools. In New York State, they serve a high school and seven other schools in the Cortland area.

In San Jose, California, they link four schools with the campus of San Jose State College. And in Anaheim, California, eighteen schools are served by TV.

The largest of the many current educational TV projects is called Continental Classroom. The Bell System is one of the business organizations which support it.

In this great "classroom," about half a million people get up early each week-day to view a half-hour lecture on Modern Chemistry on their TV sets at 6:30 A.M. This 32-week college course goes from coast to coast over Bell System lines.

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YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Information that can help you with everyday problems.

More and more fellows trying to go into business for themselves these days are doing it the franchise way. Volume has grown to about \$1 billion a year.

A franchise simply means that you buy into a chain setup. You own and operate your own establishment; but you pay an initial fee (and usually a percentage) to headquarters to get know-how, an exclusive line of merchandise or service, advertising, supervision, and credit. Take the case of the A&W Root Beer Co. of Santa Monica, Calif. Here's what you would have to lay out to join its plan:

Franchise	\$ 100 to \$ 500
Root beer equipment	1,100 to 3,000
All other equipment	400 to 1,500
Building and blacktop	4,200 to 10,000
Signs, floodlight	200 to 1,000
Inventory, supplies, working capital	500 to 1,500
	\$6,500 to \$17,500

In addition to supplying the concentrate on a contract basis, A&W also provides building plans, advice, etc., and suggests that its drive-in operators sell hotdogs and snacks to improve their income. The company figures you ought to make upwards of \$5,000 net profit in a six-month spell (the ingredients for \$150 worth of root beer come to about \$29).

The food field is the big favorite in franchising. But there are scores of others: Gas stations; automotive accessories; motels; dance studios; plus such business services as accounting and tax preparation. Incidentally, vending machines have a huge potential, but beginners are advised to think twice before getting into that area. It's tricky and highly competitive.

Like any business, of course, franchising has some angles the neophyte should watch carefully. Rogers Sherwood, editor of *National Franchise Reports* (Chicago), the newsletter and listing service in this field, says you should weigh these points at the outset:

(1) What is the reputation of the parent company? (2) Is the product salable and is production assured? (3) Check the contract very carefully. (4) Don't rush into taking an option on a franchise; if somebody tries to pressure you, be suspicious. (5) Check the experience of other franchise holders and the Better Business Bureau.

On the other side of the coin, here's what Sherwood says the parent company expects of applicants: (1) Financial responsibility plus some resources. (2) Willingness to work hard. (3) Ambition for large earnings.

There's little doubt that franchising can produce fine profits on relatively low capital. But it still takes a good man to do it.

Despite centuries of hanky-panky, the Securities & Exchange Commission again reminds the public to beware of over-hasty stock purchases.

Actually, many of the securities that can trip you up aren't outright phonies. It's the way they're sold that makes them risky for you. Usually a promoter peddles some little-known stock privately for as high a price—as and as much personal profit—as he can get. This differs vastly from exchange-trading; there stocks are sold via auction, the brokers collecting fixed commissions (not profits) on their dealings.

Advise the Better Business Bureau: Deal only with a securities firm you know (preferably one that's a member of the New York Stock Exchange); beware of phone calls and high-pressure talk; watch out for stocks with spectacular price rises; ask for written information and study it carefully.

Here's a clue to the average American's thinking and activities:

From among the hundreds of booklets and documents the U. S. Government Printing Office (Washington 25, D. C.) issues annually, the following 10 currently top the best seller list:

Wood Handbook (\$2); Wood . . . Colors and Kinds (50¢); U. S. Income and Output (\$1.50); Your Social Security (10¢); Infant Care (15¢); Future Jobs for High School Girls (40¢); Starting and Managing a Small Business of Your Own (40¢); Federal Benefits to Veterans and Their Dependents (15¢); The Communist Party of the U. S., What It Is, How It Works (30¢); Space Handbook: Astronautics and Its Application (60¢).

By Edgar A. Grunwald



The Legionnaires' Calendar 1960

A reminder of days with special meaning for Veterans

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30 MEMORIAL DAY

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14 FLAG DAY
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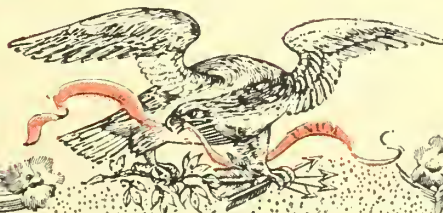
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25 26 CHRISTMAS DAY





The Day I Died!

Officially and on the records, the photo-gunner of the B-17 was killed in action.



By HENRY P. CHAPMAN

IT WAS October 21, 1942.

The B-17 Flying Fortress in which I was a photo-gunner circled patiently in the morning sky waiting for the rest of the squadron to become airborne. Three thousand feet below, a faded gray veil of North Sea fog was untangling itself from England's barbed coastline.

Across the Channel, France's peninsulas poked out into the choppy water like giant bayonets. Tucked in the estuary of the Blavet River in one of those peninsulas was our target for the day — the nazi submarine pens at Lorient.

After the Forts from the four squadrons of our group had completed their rendezvous and had stacked up in a diamond formation, they pointed their props toward France. Immediately they reached for altitude. Inside the bomb bays were 1,000-pound bombs.

At 6,000 feet we put on oxygen masks. Goggled eyes began sweeping the sky for specks that in a few seconds could

I squatted over the camera well and started taking pictures.

barrel down and become bullet-spraying Messersmitts and Focke-Wulfs.

We climbed higher. Ten thousand feet now. The Fortresses shuddered as GI gunners in the belly, tail, and ball turrets ripped off short bursts to test-fire their guns.

The erate-sized K-17 camera that I was to operate over the target was stuck in a camera-well in the floor of the radio room immediately behind the bomb bay. Above me was my anti-nazi insurance policy — a caliber-.50 machinegun.

The formation was at 23,000 feet as we approached the Brittany peninsula. Our target was located in its underbelly. At briefing that morning we had been informed by the S-2 officer that the sub

pens at Lorient were made of reinforced concrete; that the target area was lousy with ack-ack guns; that we were sure to run into enemy fighters — most likely the best of Goering's *Luftwaffe*.

However, my mind wasn't on subs nor targets nor enemy aircraft. As I looked down at the Brittany mountains, I felt thrilled that I was seeing France. From that altitude it wasn't distinguishable from other places I had seen, but I had heard too much about France not to get excited at the sight of it — even if it was from four miles up.

And though my nose and mouth were stuffed inside an oxygen mask, I smelled apples and tasted apple eider. My memory brought on the pleasant sensation





The last thing I remembered was hitting my head on the fuselage frame on my way into space.

as I recalled my fifth grade teacher describing the mellow aroma of Brittany apples and the smacking tang of Brittany eider.

"Enemy fighters!" snapped a voice over my headphones. "Ten o'clock high!"

My head jerked up. Already the enemy planes were close enough to be categorized — FW-190's and ME-109's. Tongues of orange flames lapped at us from the charging fighters' guns. Fortress fifties pumped lead. Red tracers scratched livid gashes across the heavens. The nostalgic fragrance of apples in my nostrils was dissipated by the pungent smell of burned cordite. The taste of eider soured into vinegar.

Behind our plane a ball of fire blossomed with the suddenness of a thunderbolt.

"I got one!" The tail gunner's excitement twanged over the intercom and into our earphones. Instinctively, we all cheered.

With every spin of the props more enemy planes pounced on us. They came from every which way — yellow-nosed ones, red-nosed ones, and blue-nosed ones. Their 20-mm. cannon shells whacked our Fortresses and tore through the bombers' thin skins, but our forma-

tion marched on in perfect aerial step.

I saw another Nazi fighter get hit. Its wing broke off and the crazy way it fell through the sky reminded me of a red-tailed hawk I'd shot down on the ranch back in New Mexico when I was a kid. On the way down the wounded FW-190 rammed into another bird of the same feather, and both planes plunged earthward locked in a flaming embrace.

Then the swarm of enemy fighters withdrew. No, they weren't lied. They were just getting out of the way of their anti-aircraft guns, which began reaching up for us seconds later. Black puffs polka-dotted the heavens as the ack-ack shells popped all around us. Our Fortresses, packed tight, pushed toward the target.

My earphones informed me that we were approaching the sub pens at Lorient. I abandoned my machinegun post and squatted over the camera-well. The bomb bay doors opened. I began taking pictures.

Bombs dropped by the squadron in the first element were mushrooming below. Our Fortress lurched slightly and I knew that our bombs were away also.

Out in the Bay of Biscay I could see geysers of water fountaining upward.

Those were the bombs which had missed the target. I also saw fire, smoke, and dust boiling from the estuary. Those were the 1,000-pounders which had *not* missed.

With Nazi ack-ack chasing us, we banked northward toward England. That was when one of the enemy 88's reached up and ripped a hunk off our B-17's fuselage. A sudden and violent gulp of air sucked me toward the opened gash, and the last thing I remembered was hitting my head on the fuselage frame on the way out into space. I had a chute on — but I couldn't pull the ripcord because I was knocked out cold.

After the squadron returned to England, I later found out, they reported that they had followed my fall until I was obliterated by smoke blowing from the target area. They reported that my chute had not opened. On the records I was K.I.A. — Killed In Action.

Officially, October 21, 1942, was the day I died. Actually, that was the day I was reborn.

I woke up with the fragrance of apples in my nostrils and the taste of zesty apple eider on my lips — Brittany apples and Brittany eider. This was also actual. I was in a Breton apple farmer's home,

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How You Can Answer the

By **HENRY C. WOLFE**

ALMOST ALL of us have been at a meeting where communists or fellow travelers startled the audience by asking slanted questions. These people are not looking for information. They are up to an old commie trick: make a pro-red charge and hope it will leave an imprint on the minds of those who hear it.

The gathering may be a PTA meeting, a service club luncheon, a community forum, or a convention. It may even be in a church. The asker of the question usually puts on a front of being well informed and unbiased. He or she loves to "show up witch hunters and red baiters." And all too often — shockingly enough — the procommunist questioner gets away with it.

We can handle these questions when they come up. And we don't have to take long courses on communism or debating and public speaking to do it. American audiences are generally impressed by sincerity and a reasonable, informed answer. Above all things, we should avoid evasion: the question should be met head-on. After all, how can we miss? The facts are on our side.

Even the most cynical and dishonest procommunists have a rather limited bag of tricks. Their propaganda is like the proverbial scratched phonograph record. In one form or another, the same old questions or statements keep popping up again and again. There is only one reason for their effectiveness: Americans haven't taken the trouble to find out the truth.

In my 22 years on the lecture platform, I have come to expect such questions and statements, often in seemingly unlikely places. For example, one wealthy businessman asked me: "Why should we try to cram capitalism down the throats of the Russian people?" On another occasion a member of a swank women's club told me: "Well, you must admit one thing — if we do have communism in this country, it will be an interesting experiment."

In the hope that it will help patriotic Americans when they come up against such situations, I am listing some of the common Communist propaganda approaches. To each is appended the answer I give.

Q. Don't you know that every visitor



Too often we let pro-communist questioners get away with their tricks.

to the Soviet Union finds that the Russian people want peace?

A. Of course the Russian people want peace. They also want more food, adequate housing, better clothing, and more and better consumer goods. I have lived among the Russians and I know from firsthand experience that, like the Dutch or the Austrians or the Americans, the Russians fear war. But, unlike the citizens of the free nations, the Russian masses have nothing to say about the crucial questions of war and peace. The decisions are made by the small group of tyrants who rule the Russian people.

Q. Haven't the Russians a right to the form of government they want? What right have we to try to force capitalism on them?

A. Certainly, they have such a right. It is not we Americans who keep them from having the political and economic system they want. The Russians have had a savage communist dictatorship rammed down their throats. They have never had an opportunity to vote on it, or even express their opinions openly. We have never at any time tried to force capitalism on them.

Q. Don't you agree that we should stress that when Mr. Khrushchev said he would bury us, he meant by "peaceful competition"?

A. Even if the red dictator did mean by "peaceful competition," it is immaterial. The Kremlinites use words to fool their prospective victims. Remem-

ber, it was by "peaceful" means that the Soviets enslaved Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and other once-independent countries. If we put any kind of friendly interpretation on Khrushchev's words, we are only fooling ourselves and preparing our own destruction.

Q. Isn't it true that our capitalist encirclement of the Soviet Union and our building of such anticommunist alliances as NATO caused alarm in Russia and forced the Russians to arm themselves?

A. That is turning the facts around — with a vengeance. After World War II we and our allies wanted peace, so we drastically cut down our armed forces. The Soviets continued to build up theirs. It was only after the Kremlin threatened Turkey and Greece, seized Czechoslovakia and blockaded Berlin that, for sheer self-preservation, we organized NATO and began to rebuild our defense forces.

Q. After the way we tried to encourage Hitler to attack the Soviet Union, do you blame the communists for being suspicious of us?

A. We never encouraged Hitler or anybody else to attack the Soviet Union. Some observers think that we would have demonstrated good judgment if we had encouraged the Japanese to push northward against Siberia. That might have deflected them from the Philippines, Malaya, and the Dutch East Indies. Here are other pertinent facts: At the time Stalin made his deal with

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used by the glib people who peddle the red propaganda line.

Hitler, there was a Franco-British mission in Moscow trying desperately to form a defensive alliance with the U.S.S.R., an alliance that could have stopped the nazis without war. (I was in Moscow at the time the Franco-British mission was there.) But Stalin wanted the British, French, and Germans to kill each other off. When he made his pact with Hitler, he knew it would start a major conflict. Moreover, on April 13, 1941, Russia signed a neutrality pact with Japan, a deal that protected Japan's back and cleared the way for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Q. Well, you surely will admit, won't you, that if we ever have communism it will be an interesting experiment?

A. That question is based on a tragic and suicidal fallacy. It is assumed that if we have communism and don't like it, we can vote it out. Ask the refugees who have fled from countries like Lithuania or Hungary. Not even the superb bravery and the self-sacrifice of the people of Budapest could get rid of their Russian enslavers. When the communists win control of a nation, they kill off the opposition. They make sure that they will be able to deal lethally with anybody who opposes the dictatorship.

Q. Wasn't the outcry against Russia at the time of the rebellion in Budapest caused by people who want war with the Soviet Union? And wasn't it true that the Russians merely put down an effort by nazi, fascist, and other lawless elements to grab control of Hungary?

A. The outcry in this country was caused by the Soviet brutality against the brave Hungarian people. Certainly nobody in the United States wants war.

As for the Russians putting down a nazi-fascist uprising, the truth is that the liberation effort was attempted by working people, students, and part of the Hungarian Army. The Hungarian nazis and fascists had gone over to the communists back in 1945. The hated AVO — Hungarian communist secret police — was full of nazis and fascists. The people who attempted the Hungarian anti-communist revolution were the same kind of patriots who served as volunteers for George Washington's army.

Q. Why do we always back reactionary governments, whereas the Soviet Union supports popular movements?

A. Let us keep in mind the fact that the communists twist and distort the meaning of words. In their lexicon, the term "reactionary" has come to mean anybody who opposes Soviet aggression. His political, social and economic ideas may be progressive; but if he resists Soviet imperialism, he is smeared with the label "reactionary." The communist press never lets up on such propaganda, and it is taken up by many people who are not actually members of the party.

Two men who are attacked with unremitting bitterness by communist propaganda are Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee. These doughty patriots have stood up to their communist enemies and have devoted their lives to protecting the freedom of their respective countries. When Chiang was battling alone against the Japanese invaders of China, the world press described him as a valiant, enlightened leader. Only when he resisted the red effort to take over China, did he become a "reactionary." Syngman Rhee is accused of using authoritarian methods. Let us remember, however, that his little land is constantly threatened by renewed communist military invasion and is under incessant

propaganda attack and infiltration.

The real "crime" of which Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee are guilty is that their spiritual inspiration comes from the Old and New Testaments instead of Karl Marx.

Let us be realistic. We can't abandon our loyal allies and friends. The free world needs everyone who will resist the red drive to enslave mankind. Don't be misled by communist propaganda about "reactionaries."

As for the second part of the question, I would like to quote from a recent official release of the Department of State:

"From 1930 to 1933 the Soviet Union, through its international Communist arm, the Comintern, directed the German Communist Party to collaborate with the Nazis and other extremists in undermining the German Weimar Republic. It helped sabotage democratic parties and institutions and promoted lawlessness and disorder. This aided Hitler's rise to absolute power."

Q. Inasmuch as the Soviet Union carried the brunt of the war against Hitler, what right have we to dictate the settlements in the countries which the U.S.S.R. liberated?

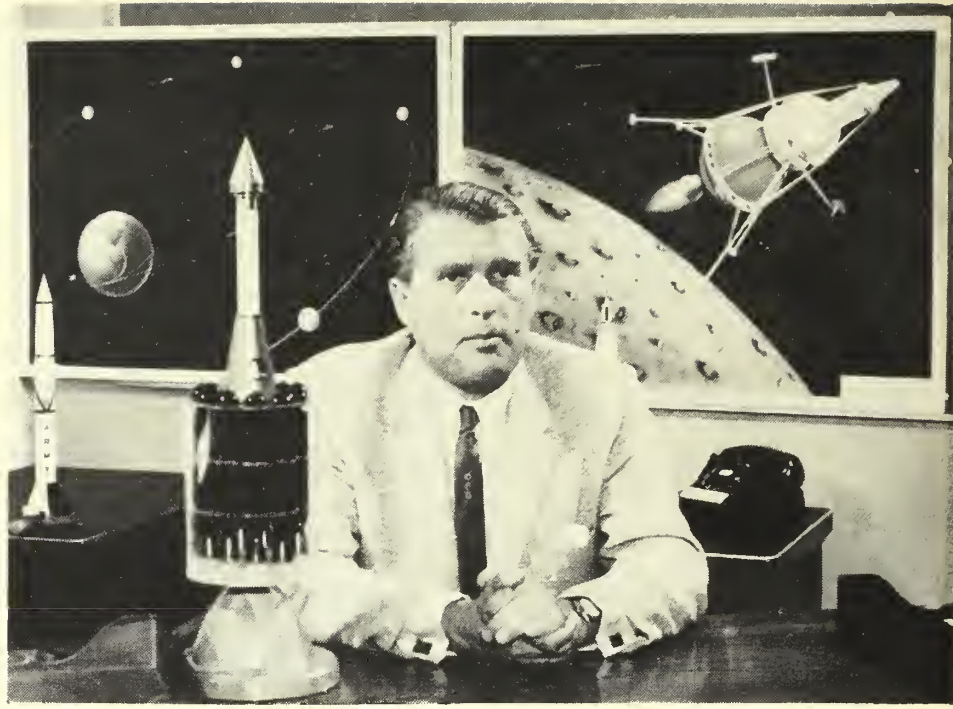
A. Let us keep this in mind: For nearly 22 months after World War II broke out, the Soviet Union was Hitler's ally. The Kremlin took part in the destruction of Poland. On October 31, 1939, Molotov said: "One swift blow to Poland, first by the German and then by the Red army, and nothing was left of this ugly offspring of the Versailles treaty . . ." Molotov declared that Germany wanted peace, that it was Britain and France which kept the war going. When France fell in June 1940, Molotov, on behalf of the Soviet Government,

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By **VERNON PIZER**

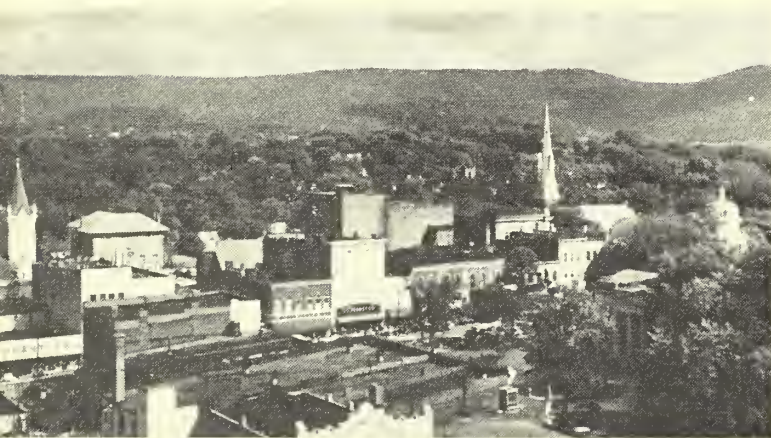
THE GERMAN WORDS came over the loudspeaker, the gutturals flowing easily, familiarly from the announcer's lips. Then came the music, gay German lieder which conjured visions of the Rhine and the Black Forest. Radio Munich? Not by some 3,500 miles. It was a small radio station in a Deep South city — Huntsville, Alabama.

This is not really so strange as it might seem, for Huntsville is the home of Redstone Arsenal, site of the Army Ordnance Missile Command. And, as any space and missile enthusiast knows, an exceedingly important part of the Missile Command is the "von Braun team," some 120 former German rocket scientists who, under technical direction of Dr. Wernher von Braun, have contributed brilliantly to this country's missile successes. While their contributions to the techniques and the hardware of the



Best known of the spacemen is the brilliant scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun.

Alabama's Adopted Spacemen



As the home of Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville has become world famous.

When a team of 120 German rocket experts came to Huntsville, there was a "let's see" attitude. Today that has changed to genuine warmth based on understanding and appreciation.

space age are well recognized, another significant service they have rendered their country of adoption is scarcely noticed. Simply put, these new Americans have demonstrated, quietly and effectively, a quality of civic responsibility that can stand as a model for any community.

Huntsville's astronomical observatory is a good case in point. The arrival of the von Braun team brought a new awareness of the skies to the local population. The youngsters especially developed an acute curiosity about the heav-

ens. What's up there? What is the Milky Way? What makes a shooting star shoot? Are there really canals on the moon? If there was anyone in Huntsville who could answer these questions, it was the German scientists; so the questions were asked. And the Germans, despite their heavy workload, found time to give the answers. From this informal exchange — at newsstands and grocery counters and street corners — grew a formal organization, the Rocket City Astronomical Association, which drew its membership from the German scientists and

the townspeople. Dr. von Braun was elected the first president.

One thing soon became apparent to the association's members: if they were really to be astronomers, they must have an observatory. The fact that one just doesn't go out and get an observatory as though it were a carton of cigarettes did not disturb them unduly. The first step was for von Braun and his associates to sell State officials on the idea. They proved to be supersalesmen, for the State rented them 13½ acres on the outskirts of the city for the grand sum



Dr. Ernest Stuhlinger and Conrad D. Swanson of Redstone conduct a class in astronomy.

of \$1 for 25 years. Next, they rolled up their sleeves, literally, and got to work grubbing out the underbrush, felling trees, digging footings, mixing cement, and all the other tough chores that go along with construction. Nights and weekends found von Braun wielding an ax; or Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, chief of the Research Projects Laboratory, at the business end of a shovel; or Quiney Love, local hotel manager, installing plumbing; or dozens of others sweating for the common good.

And when they weren't at the site working, these astronomy enthusiasts were pounding the pavement, persuading local businessmen to contribute to the cause in cash or in kind. From time to time, when the contributions were slow in coming, they dug deep in their own pockets to keep the project solvent. With the benefit of the plans drawn by the scientists, the labor of everyone, and the contributions of their supporters, the ob-

feeling-out period came a thaw. Today there is a genuine warmth based on mutual understanding. And it is now hard to realize that the newcomers haven't deep and old roots firmly planted in the red clay soil of Huntsville.

This is all the more remarkable because it was so easy for misunderstandings to crop up in the early days. One missile engineer recalls good humoredly: "The first time I bought something downtown, the clerk said as I was leaving, 'Y'all hurry back.' So I hurried back to the counter, thinking I had made a mistake in payment. The clerk just chatted aimlessly and didn't say a word about my purchase; so I left when there was a suitable pause. It wasn't until this experience was repeated several times that I realized when a merchant here tells you to hurry back he is merely inviting you to give him your repeat business."

As the two groups came to know and



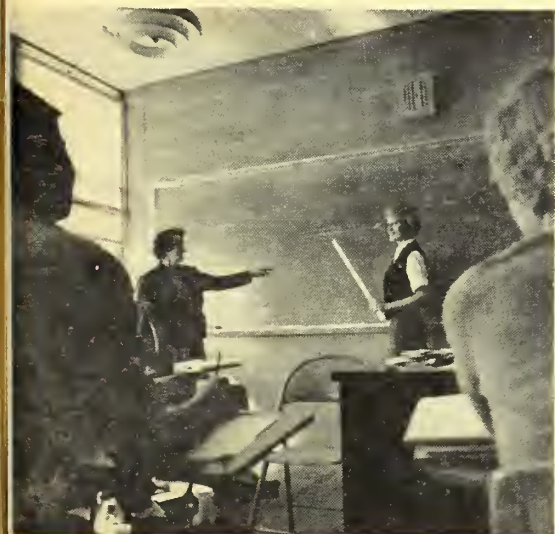
German-born scientists join in such community activities as the Civic Symphony.



Mrs. Gerhard Heller conducts weekend classes in German for interested Huntsvillians.



In Huntsville's churches you will find further evidence of the melting pot.



Barbara Geissler, daughter of a scientist, is one of many excellent German students.

servatory took shape and was placed in operation three years ago. It's estimated to be worth at least \$20,000, but the actual outlay in cash was only \$3,000. Yet, it boasts among other amenities a 16½-inch reflecting telescope formerly used at Mount Palomar Observatory.

Today when a youngster wants to know "What's up there?" he can see for himself. And the chances are that von Braun, Stuhlinger, or one of the other experts will be at his elbow to help him interpret what he sees.

In 1950, when the Army brought the Germans to Huntsville, the city had a population of 16,000 and cotton was still king. With the coming of an alien people to a strange community, there was wariness, coupled with a "let's see" attitude on both sides. Gradually, during the

understand each other, they made some surprising discoveries. Jimmy Walker, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, tells of one. "I always used to think that 'do-it-yourself' was a strictly American habit, and then I found out that these people are the original 'do-it-yourselfers.' And I found out the hard way. Before they came, I'd mow my lawn and maybe plant something now and then and that was it. Then one of these Germans moved next door. Every chance he got, he dug and planted and pruned and fertilized and sprayed. Before long he had a real showplace. In self-defense I had to go to work on my own yard. The same thing was happening all around town, and now we have the prettiest gardens anywhere. It helped us to keep from getting that middle-aged

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United States



United Nations



NATO



Great Britain



France



Australia



Austria



Norway

By **SALLY SHEPPARD** and
LASSOR A. BLUMENTHAL

AT 9:30 one Monday morning not long ago, a spry, wiry New York executive named Digby Chandler leaned back in his chair, closed his eyes, and dictated a letter to the New York consulate of a small Middle Eastern oil kingdom. The letter went something like this:

Dear Sir:

We have recently received a substantial order from the United Nations for flags of your country. Please send us a complete description of the flag, so that we may make an accurate reproduction.

Sincerely,

Digby W. Chandler

President

Annin & Co.

Within two weeks a reply arrived, not from the consulate but from the Foreign Office in the Eastern kingdom's capital. As Chandler read it, his eyes opened wide in astonishment. Then he put the letter down and exclaimed, "Well, I'll be damned!"

The letter on his desk read in effect:

Our legation in New York has informed us that an American firm would like to have an accurate description of our national flag.

Since Annin & Co. is generally considered to be the world's greatest authority on flags, we would be most appreciative if you could tell us what you consider to be the official version of our national banner, so that we may furnish the information to the American company.

Chandler should not have been surprised that his request had boomeranged, for Annin & Co. is the largest flagmaker in the United States, if not in the whole world. And these days the company is happily preparing for some of the biggest business of its life, for it will probably produce more than half of all the new 50-star flags that will be made in the country.

No flagmaker - come - lately, Annin made the flags that have decorated the inauguration of every President of the United States since 1850. It was an Annin-made U.S. flag that Robert E. Peary planted at the North Pole in 1909 (alongside an Annin-made Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity flag that the sentimental explorer had taken along), and it's a safe bet that it was an Annin flag

that the Marines raised over Iwo Jima in World War II.

Moreover, the company is official banner maker to many of the most consistent flag users in the country, including the United States Congress, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Episcopal Church, and The American Legion.

The company's success is due in part to the energy of President Chandler, who never stops moving from the time he walks into his Fifth Avenue office at 9 every morning. Chandler, for example, helped secure the American Legion account several years ago by giving extraordinarily fast service under extraordinarily difficult conditions.

Flags for all the World

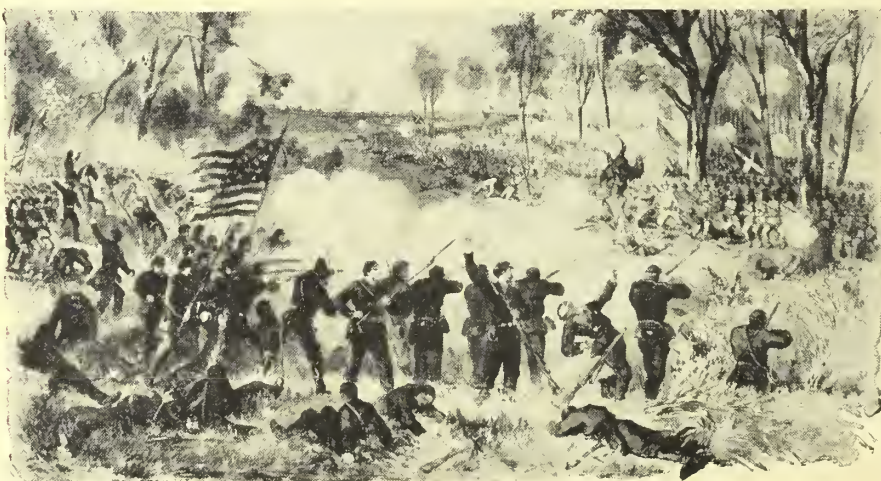
For more than a hundred years Annin & Co.

has been flagmaker for the family of nations.



It was an Annin-made flag that Peary planted at the North Pole.

On a couple of hours' notice, he volunteered to provide a poster for a special fathers-and-sons dinner at an annual Legion meeting in Indianapolis. The poster was to be used to help illustrate a humorous theme that was to be a part of the evening's entertainment, and a wheelchair was to be a prominent part of its design. Chandler went back to his hotel room and sketched out the design. His only problem came when he had to draw the different-sized wheels. Since he



Flags from Annin's led Union troops into virtually every Civil War battle.



Workers are kept busy filling orders for the new 50-star U.S. flag.

had no compass or other drawing instruments, he had to figure out some other way to draw them. With the inspiration that comes to men of genius in times of need, he phoned the bar, ordered three whiskies-and-sodas in different-sized glasses. Then, as he irrigated his imagination, he proceeded to draw the wheels by tracing the outlines of the bases of the three glasses.

But Chandler's ingenuity is only part of the reason for Annin's top position. A second reason: the company has been in the business for more than 110 years, and knows more about making flags, pennants, streamers, burgees, bunting, and banners than any other organization in existence today. The whole thing

started in 1847, when a merchant named Alexander Annin set up a merchant marine supply store on the waterfront of lower Manhattan. Annin soon branched into the manufacture of marine signal flags. From that, it was but a short step to making flags for U. S. schooners, and finally, for anyone—landlubbers included—who wanted to display a banner.

During the Civil War, Annin-made flags led Union troops into virtually every battle. When the war was over, it was an Annin flag that draped Abraham Lincoln's casket as it traveled across a mourning country to its final resting place in Springfield, Illinois.

Despite its close ties with history, Annin's facilities are as modern as to-

morrow's sunrise, and about twice as colorful. The company now has four plants: One in Verona, New Jersey, which turns out banners for the civilian market; one in Bloomfield, New Jersey, which makes flags exclusively for the Government; a salesroom and plant on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, which makes the more elaborate flags and banners for special events; and a factory in Puerto Rico.

The Bloomfield plant alone can turn out more than 7,000 flags a week. One machine in the basement cuts the bolts of cloth into strips at the rate of 1,000 yards an hour. A nearby machine, which resembles a cookie cutter, can stamp out about 120 stars every five seconds. Upstairs, automatic machines stitch the stripes together at the rate of more than six feet a minute. In all, the company has little difficulty turning out some 8 to 10 million flags a year.

For all its speed and up-to-dateness, however, Annin maintains an almost medieval secrecy in one section of the fourth floor of its Bloomfield plant. There, skilled chemists concoct the formulas for fabric dyes which must defy every type of weather condition from desert suns to violent ocean storms. It was characteristic of the company's research, for example, that in helping to improve the durability of the colors of the U.S. Marine Corps flag, more than two and a half years were spent in test-

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Finishing touches being applied to American Legion flags.



How to Drop an

You'd better learn about brands if you want to impress your friends.

By **EARL WILSON**

THE GREAT AMERICAN SNOBBERY called Name Dropping now has a loud-lunged competitor which could be called Brand Dropping.

You impress your friends by dropping and dripping brands until you're practically branded yourself. To be 100-percent Brand Droppers, most of us have to be a little phony, because we don't really know as much about brands as we should, but we have to pretend that we do.

Just gently ask yourself which of your buddies have this dread disease. A typical sufferer is the one who recently exhibited the ailment with comical conspicuousness when he commanded the waiter to bring him a 15-year-old Scotch whose brand name he reverently uttered. Then he added with nice rusticity:

"No soda, please. Just some plain ole branch water! Right out of the crick!"

But suddenly he dropped that pose for another pose. "Better make it some of that bottled water from France," he said silkenly. "Do you have —?"

(I am going to try not to mention any brand names in this piece about brand names, to see if it's possible — and already I don't think it is!)

Brand dropping goes beyond advertising, which started this trend. One kind of snob drops brands that are so ex-

clusive and chic, they haven't even been advertised yet. When the general public is permitted to buy these brands, he will have switched to a newer, more exclusive, and fancier brand.

The ideal spots to listen to Brand Droppers are: Twenty-One, El Morocco, The Colony, Le Pavillon, Voisin, Luchow's — there I go dropping a few clubs.

Back home in the sticks, where he broke in as a drinker on rotgut or home brew, the Brand-Dropping Snob never heard of any brands — except maybe "White Mule" — and he got started on his fancy ways when Repeal arrived and he downed his first factory-made rye or bourbon. One day, a long time ago, a fellow "from away" — a city slicker — threw the little village saloon into a panic by ordering up a Scotch and soda.

I know this to be true because I am the guy who sat with the city slicker.

Rye and ginger ale had been my poison until then. It was tasty. The ginger ale was sweet and took away the taste of the raw booze. When I drank my first Scotch that day, I thought the village saloonkeeper had certainly opened the wrong bottle. The Scotch wasn't sweet, and it tasted as if it had been hung out in the smokehouse with the meat. Nevertheless, I switched to Scotch from that day on because it was civilized and citified.

Of course, we couldn't always get Scotch in the Middle West, and I learned that in an emergency — such as when I was thirsty — I could drink any kind of whisky. But I prefer Scotch and, if possible, 12-year-old stuff.

When eventually I arrived in New York and stayed a few nights in a widely advertised hotel on the West Side, I discovered I was committing social suicide. Everybody who was anybody stayed at one of the small, exclusive Park Avenue hotels noted for their Old World charm, lousy service, high prices, and famous name.



Of course anybody who is anybody is expected to visit Russia.



Impression



The rubes in the village saloon heard the slicker call for Scotch.

So, naturally, I moved out of my un-chic hotel.

To an \$8-a-week furnished room in a Washington Square railroad flat.

My glossy new companions were people of the world. Sitting in John's little saloon, where we often had a little lunch with our drinks, eating something like a salami sandwich, we would call for catsup but wouldn't stoop to say "catsup." Oh, no; we named the brand. These early Catsup Droppers and Mustard Droppers made a deep impression on me, and I was soon Catsup Dropping with some of the best minds in the newspaper business.

College Dropping, which was just then becoming rampant in New York, gave me another crushing feeling of in-

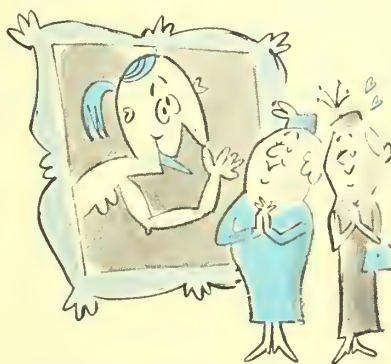
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feriority. I'd gone to Ohio State, once a cow college. I had not even risen to the pinnacle of having been turned down by the Ivy League schools. When my new buddies said, "Where did you prep?" I wondered what the hell they were talking about.

Only when Ohio State won at the Rose Bowl, as it did a couple of times, was I able to elevate my nose to a proud slant in New York's erudite eireles. The emergence of James Thurber as a literary giant has helped to establish that Ohio State is not entirely a school of country bumpkins in overalls clumping home to slop the hogs between classes.

But the School Dropper has leaped ahead and now drops prep schools in Switzerland. "Rosé, I believe is good. Prince Rainier went there, or was it Aly Khan? Or maybe it was Farouk."

"We were classmates, you know! Well, not exactly classmates — school-mates. He wasn't there the same year I was. That's where I learned my French so fluently." That's the way this dialog usually goes when the School Dropper is holding forth. "Where's that waiter with my 15-year-old Scotch. Garkon!"



If a painting is branded "Picasso," it must be wonderful, regardless.

There is something amusing about the flourishing proponents of Brand Dropping getting caught in their own untender traps.

Your elegant French *couturiers* — who long peddled ghastly, shapeless, unspeakable, unattractive fashions which, however, bore the swankiest labels — are among the victims. In recent seasons, the system which they profited from has taken its natural course, and the wealthy American dames have switched to the Italian dress houses. Where do we go from here, girls? Bel-grade? Moseow? Don't laugh!



My Bohemian friends had to have their preferred brand of catsup.

Travel Droppers made Moscow the place to go this year. So what if the hotels aren't air conditioned? *Everybody* was going. Who minded the cock-roaches, my dear? Wot d'ye mean, I'm jealous because I didn't go? I've been! Three years ago—when it was chic.



A Parisian label will make a woman drool over the most shapeless bag.

"Yes, it's a problem deciding where to go now. I mean with such hordes of American tourists everywhere and Leningrad being practically like Coney Island. Cannes, the Riviera — that's just *too common* now. I was thinking of Hong Kong again, but I've been there twice. Or maybe Ischia. You know, to take a cure? It's across from Capri. Yes, nobody goes to Capri any more, sweetie. Ischia's got the best cure, if I may drop a cure. Bill Holden goes there. Everybody who needs to be cured of anything goes to Ischia." It will cure you of everything, evidently, but Cure Dropping.

But there is a place to go after all. (Continued on page 45)

The American Legion's Youth Programs

First of two historical articles reviewing the vast impact of American Legion programs on America's young people.

By **ROBERT B. PITKIN**

THE MEMBERS of The American Legion were originally brought together by their government to wage war — a necessary but destructive mission.

Within the Legion, several million of the American survivors of this century's three major wars are banded together — not only socially, but also to continue their former military association along constructive civilian lines.

With their womenfolk in The American Legion Auxiliary, they are a potent force of three million seven hundred thousand men and women.

In the Legion's 40-year history, its youth programs are a gigantic example of the great good that such an association can produce by voluntary action in the very opposite direction from the destructive errand that first brought them together.

These few words are devoted only to a glimpse at the *national* youth programs that are the *Legion's own*.

A later story will be needed in order to take a peek at the assistance which the Legion gives to youth programs organized by others, such as the Boy Scouts, Boys Clubs, 4-H and Girl Scouts — as well as the innumerable programs for youngsters devised purely locally by the Legion posts, outside of the national Legion programs.

The photo here shows a group of high school juniors from every state in the Union, brought into Washington, D.C. at a recent American Legion Boys' Nation. They are spending a week observing the workings of their federal government at first hand, and running their own mock federal government at the scene of the actual national government.

New Jersey Legionnaire Harold Eaton is seen prepping part of the group of 96

youngsters on their day's activities on the grounds of the National Capitol.

Boys' Nation is run at a cost of \$12,000 a year by the national American Legion, and it is shared in by the nearby University of Maryland, whose campus and dormitories are Boys' Nation headquarters.

If that were all there were to it, Boys' Nation would be little more than a publicity stunt. But Boys' Nation is the show window of the greater American Legion Boys' States, 51 of which are now run by Legionnaires in their states.

Boys' States are duplicates of Boys' Nation, but on a state level — and on a grander scale. Their total annual vastness defies human ability to comprehend numbers.

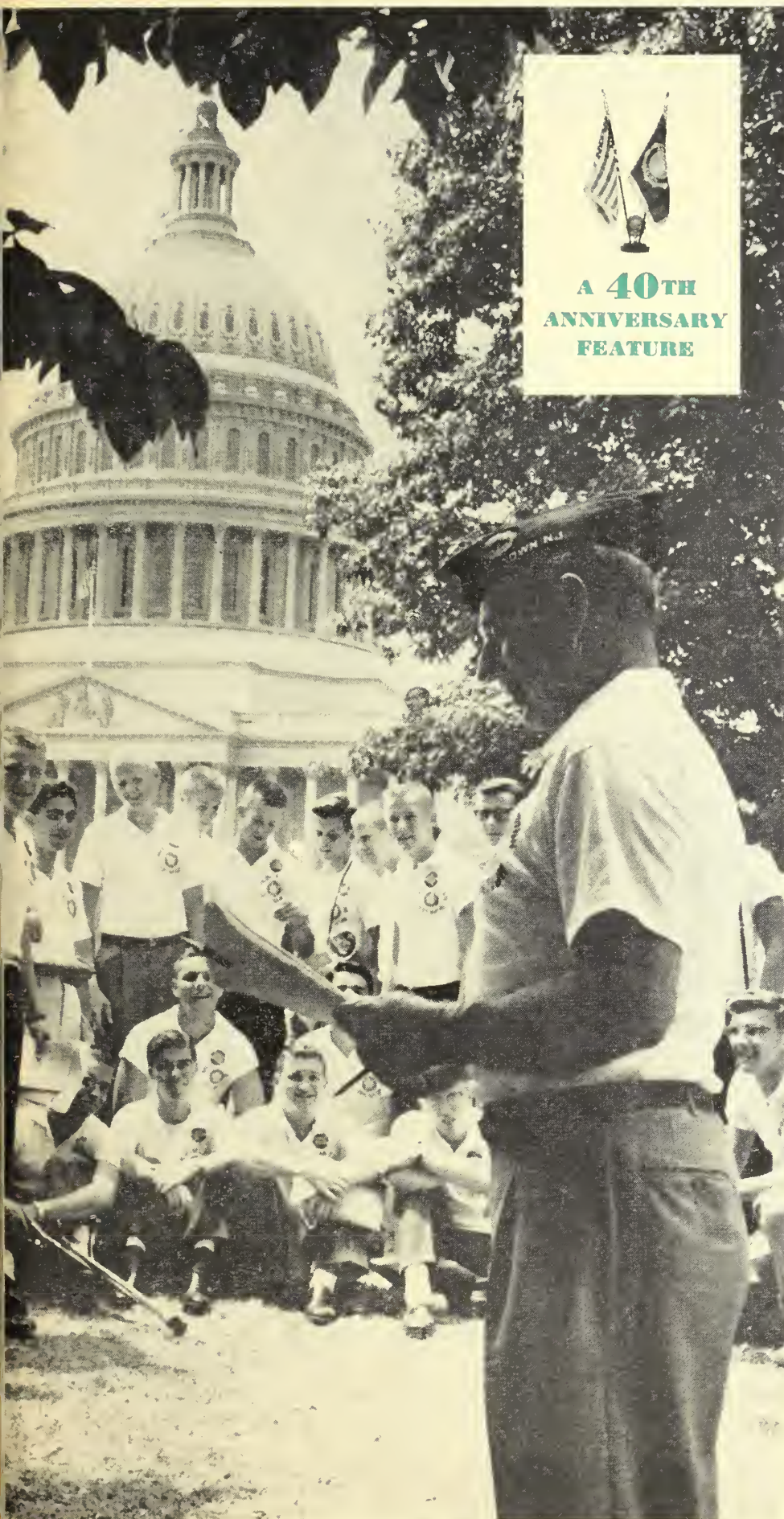
Where 90-odd boys get to Boys' Nation each year, the original Boys' State in Illinois alone plays host to more than 1,200 youths from Illinois high schools for a full week each year.

The Illinois Legion started Boys' State in 1935 under the direction of Hayes Kennedy, at the suggestion of Harold Card. Card had been enthused by a mock city government he had helped run for youths in Indiana, and he saw in the Legion a means to elevate the idea to the state level all over the nation.

Illinois Legionnaires agreed, and before long so did nearly every Legionnaire in the country. Now, the Legion in the District of Columbia and in every one of the first 48 states except Rhode Island runs an annual Boys' State. Louisiana and Virginia run two each while the small but active department of The American Legion in the Panama Canal Zone conducts an excellent Boys' State. The Rhode Island Legion has an equivalent program in its summer camp for youth.



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**A 40TH
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Alaska Legionnaires, confronted with a small population and vast distances, send youngsters to Washington State's Boys' State each year — quite a feat where airline round trip distances are in the order of 1,000 miles from Ketchikan, 4,000 miles from Nome.

At the invitation of Legionnaires in New Mexico, The American Legion in the Republic of Mexico will send boys to New Mexico's Boys' State next summer.

Boys' State was extended upward to the national Boys' Nation level in 1946.

Boys' Nation is hailed and the boys are personally received by national officials from the President down. The doors of the Congress and Congressmen and of the major federal agencies are open to its youngsters. The boys get the most intimate view of the national government of any of the millions of annual visitors to the Capital. Boys' Nation accepts two youthful delegates from each state.

The Boys' State idea has been extended down to the county level as well as up to Washington. Legionnaires, the schools and the local governments in Nebraska and Louisiana operate Legion-sponsored youth County Governments (Parish Governments in Louisiana) on a statewide basis (for both boys and girls). Similar programs in individual counties exist in many other states.

The American Legion Auxiliary followed the Legion's example and started a parallel Girls' State in 1938, and a Girls' Nation in Washington, D.C. in 1947.

The scope of Boys' State long since reached the point of incomprehensibility. Last summer, some 18,000 boys got a week's living experience in American government as Legion guests, usually at their state capital or on the campus of a college or university. Nobody has counted the exact number of Boys' Staters over all the years since 1935, but it is now in the neighborhood of 300,000 — probably more.

Each boy is sponsored by a post of The American Legion, which meets the cost (average about \$35) of the week's stay at Boys' State, plus transportation costs and (often) some pocket money too.

Nearly all Boys' States are still in a condition of explosive growth, and today other civic groups in many towns supply the money for one or more boys allocated to the quota of the local Legion posts. Thanks to these assists from the Lions, Kiwanis, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Civitan, Rotary, Elks, church groups and many others, some posts are now able to send as many as 30 or 40 boys a year. Last year, in Middlebury, Vermont, the Legion post had a chance to send more boys than it could afford. The high school students put up the

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An American Legion Boys' State at the National Capitol



WASHINGTON PRO & CON

PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF BIG ISSUES FACING THE NATION

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: "Should the U. S. Social Security System Provide Free Hospitalization for the Aged?"



(PRO) The recent hearings held by the Ways and Means Committee on H.R. 4700, a bill to provide hospitalization and surgery for Social Security retirees, have demonstrated, beyond a reasonable doubt, the very urgent need for legislation in this field.

Present figures show that people over 65 years of age now number 15½ million, and this figure is rising at the rate of 1 million every three years. Of this group only 40 percent have some type of health insurance.

My bill calls for the raising of Social Security taxes to provide hospitalization and surgery for the aged. Many have asked me: why this approach? I have found that these people are considered by the insurance industry as a high-cost, high-risk group, and that health insurance is not made available to them at prices they are able to pay. Let us remember that these people have incomes that are stationary; their incomes are considerably lower than those of the rest of the population, and in many cases are fixed or declining in amount. However, as a group they use about 2½ times as much general hospital care as the average for persons under the age of 65.

The hard fact is that, with all the advances we have made in medical science, the ills that are still with us are more expensive today than at any time in the history of our country. This high cost of being sick is wiping out family savings; destroying retirees' equities built up over the years; and, most important, it is preventing many thousands from undergoing necessary surgical or medical treatment.

The present trust fund of the Social Security is sound. The taxes this bill would raise would be sufficient to sustain this program of health care. Two former Commissioners of the Social Security Administration have testified that the feasibility of medical benefits through Social Security taxes is very good.

If this staggering need cannot be met by free enterprise, the Government has a duty to provide it under the general welfare provision of the Constitution. Until a better method is proposed, I will push for enactment of this legislation.

Aime J. Forand

Aime J. Forand (D)
Member of Congress from 1st District of Rhode Island



(CON) Each of us has a number of needs which must be met in some fashion, among the most vital of them the need for adequate and competent medical care. But does the recognition of a "need"—in this case that sick people need medical care—immediately presuppose a Federal solution of the problem? We have only to look to

the experience of our British friends to see where that road leads.

For several years now Congress has been considering the so-called Forand bill which would add a bit more to the Social Security taxes paid by current wage earners (incidentally, those taxes are already scheduled to almost double during the next 10 years) and extend hospitalization, nursing home care, and surgical service to Social Security recipients. Not to elderly people as such, mind you, but to Social Security beneficiaries only. Of the 15.7 million people over 65 today, some 4 million would be excluded under this plan since they are not eligible for Social Security. About 7 million people over 65 are already covered under voluntary medical programs. This leaves but a few million individuals who might benefit substantially from enactment of the Forand bill.

How are we doing today in providing medical care for the elderly? State and local public-assistance programs, with help from the Federal Government, are already providing free care for those wholly unable to pay. The last few years witnessed a phenomenal growth in progressively better voluntary health insurance programs. Certainly there is still a need to be met; but I firmly believe that better service will result from plans such as these, than from Government compulsion and regimentation. Better insurance plans are being developed right now, but all such plans will certainly be killed off by any programs of compulsory Federal insurance.

You and I would do well to remember our last dealings with any one of the Government agencies or bureaus designed to "assist" the veteran before we decide whether or not we want to turn over the problem of medical care, too, to the bureaucracy.

Bruce Alger

Bruce Alger (R)
Member of Congress from 5th District of Texas



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

ILLINOIS KOREA BONUS FORMS BECAME AVAILABLE NOV. 2:

Application forms for the Korea bonus in Illinois became available on Nov. 2... Within Illinois they were on hand at all the various service offices of the Illinois Veteran's Commission...Eligibles no longer residing in Illinois can write the Commission itself for forms at 400 South Spring St., Springfield, Ill.

Basic service qualification is that applicants must have qualified for the Korean Service Medal...Basic residence requirement is that applicants must have resided in Illinois at least 12 months immediately preceding entering service.

Basic payment to eligible Korea vets is a flat \$100...Other provisions cover payment where the veteran is deceased, and include a payment of \$1,000 to one of several possible close relatives if the vet died of service causes before Jan. 1, 1955.

HOW THE NEW PENSION LAW AFFECTS VETS HITHERTO INELIGIBLE FOR VA PENSION BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THEIR INCOMES:

This is the second of a series of "Newsletter" items on the new vets' pension law, Public Law 86-211.

Most vets affected by the law have plenty of time before any action could be taken, if advisable...The law does not take effect until next July 1.

One class of veterans who can apply now for pensions under the new law are those who are ineligible for pension under the present law because their income is too high--but who might be eligible under the higher income ceilings of the new law... They can apply now, though they wouldn't get benefits until July.

Under the present law, no veteran with-out dependents can get a pension if his income is over \$1400.

Under the new law the cutoff is \$1800.

Under present law, no veteran with dependents (wife or minor child) can get a pension if his income is over \$2700.

Under the new law the cutoff is \$3000.

So some veterans without dependents may

now be eligible for a VA pension for the first time, their income being over \$1400 but not over \$1800.

And some with dependents may be eligible the first time, their income being over \$2700 but not over \$3000.

They can apply now.

Veterans now getting a pension, but wishing to come under the new law instead, may not apply yet..."Newsletter" will take up their position in a later issue.

The info above about new eligibles in higher income brackets does not mean that all veterans whose incomes are in the new higher brackets should apply for a pension.

There is no change in the other major requirements for a pension which all appli-cants must meet under either old or new law.

These are:

1. Permanent and total disability.
2. Inability to follow substantially gainful employment.

But in judging these factors, veterans should not necessarily disqualify themselves.

First let's look at the disability factor, assuming that you meet the other conditions.

If you are under age 55, do not apply for a VA pension unless you are very seriously disabled.

If you are over 55, and have a marked disability; it would be better to apply and be turned down by the VA than to decide yourself that you aren't disabled enough...The amount of disability that is deemed "total and permanent" is less at older ages.

If you are in your sixties, especially if you are over 65, you should apply if you have a slight disability...Again, you might be turned down, but you might be accepted, so it's better to let the VA decide.

Now let's look at being "unable to follow substantially gainful employment..."Here we suppose your income and your disability justify applying for a pension... How can you judge the employment factor?

The two extremes are easy...If you are physically unable to work at all, apply at

once...If you are working full time at your usual life work, don't waste your time applying.

But suppose you work part time, or in "sheltered employment?" If the reason for either is a physical disability, you should apply for a pension...You might or might not meet VA employment requirement for a pension, and you should let the VA be the judge rather than decide against yourself.

A final point on income...Veterans applying under the new law should include in their income any income of their wives in excess of \$1200...Normally, the VA must count this as your income in deciding if you are over the ceiling...However, if you are able to show the VA that this would impose a special hardship for one reason or other, the VA may agree...In which case it doesn't have to count your wife's income.

Of course a special hardship is one that wouldn't apply to most other veterans who might lose pension eligibility because of their wives' incomes.

"Newsletter" regrets that no such description as this can fully cover all the details of law that govern pensions...But if the general advice here leads to an assumption that you should apply for a pension, then go to a good Legion Service Officer and ask him to put in your application...Many will get pensions as a result, though some will stumble over technicalities of the law too devious to include in any brief outline.

HISTORY OF 126th INFANTRY IN WORLD WAR ONE:

Some 300 subscribers to the history of the 126th Infantry Regiment--1917-1919--never got their histories...Orders were taken 'way back then while on occupation duty in Germany, but the 300 got out of touch...Michigan Legionnaire Emil G. Gansser still has the books and the subscription records, and can still fill the orders if those entitled will send their present addresses to him...Write: Emil G. Gansser, 556 Gladstone Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

WAAC SERVICE NOW COUNTS AS ACTIVE DUTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND LIMITS:

Some former members of the WAAC can benefit from a recent law.

The law is Public Law 86-146, enacted last August 7.

It permits service in the WAAC to be credited as military service for all purposes except promotion, provided that the service-woman performed military service after the WAAC was dissolved.

Former WAACs may individually find that this affects them favorably in any of a number of ways, most of which should be apparent because of some factor of their individual situations...Example: If pension eligibility for an ex-WAC, WAVE, SPAR or other service women is blocked solely because she lacked 90 day's active duty, she can count previous WAAC service (if any) toward the 90 days.

Note that a WAAC who did not go into active wartime military service after the WAAC was dissolved may not have WAAC service counted as active duty.

A specific benefit under this new law applies to women who incurred disabilities while in the WAAC...Any such women who have had their disability recognized and are now drawing disability benefits under the Federal Employees Compensation Act may elect, if it is to their advantage, to receive VA benefits instead (provided again that they had active wartime military service after the WAAC was dissolved).

However, for this they must apply within a year of the passage of the new law, in other words by August 6, 1960...No retro-active VA payments would be made under this provision.

Terminology of this item is easily understood by WAACs and WACs...For the benefit of others, the WAAC was the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, from May 13, 1942 to Sept. 30, 1943...It was not a part of the regular service but an auxiliary...Service in it alone is not recognized as active wartime military duty...Thereafter the WAC was formed--the Women's Army Corps...Service in it was full-fledged military duty.

ARMY WANTS WWI UNIFORM:

Special Services at Fort Benning, Ga., has asked "Newsletter" to try to help it obtain "a World War I uniform with wrap leggings and old type helmet."

Don't know how many offers they'll get as a result of this. But if you have one and want to sell it write:

Major Roy Lothner, Recreation and Entertainment Officer, HQ US Army Infantry Center, Special Services Section, Fort Benning, Ga.

NEWS *of The American Legion*

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JANUARY 1960

Nat'l Cmdr McKneally Honored At Gala Homecoming Banquet

Nat'l Commander Martin B. McKneally came back to his home state of New York on November 19 and found the red carpet of hospitality spread out for him in all its splendor.

It was official "homecoming" day for the young man from Newburgh who was elected as the 42nd National Commander of The American Legion at the national convention held last August in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The festivities did not take place in Newburgh however, but rather in the largest city on the American continent.

Newburgh had already given the Commander a rousing hometown welcome of its own shortly after his return from the Twin Cities National Convention.

Legionnaires from all walks of life and from all parts of the nation, high federal, state and city officials, and many friends came to pay homage to McKneally. In all, over 1500 persons attended the testimonial dinner held in the banquet hall of the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

Heading the list of distinguished guests was New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. He praised The American Legion for "its unrelenting vigilance against atheistic Communism."

"From its very beginning," said Rockefeller, "the Legion has sensed the peril which international Communism represents to our cherished freedom and to the principles on which this Nation is founded."

The Governor continued:

"The Legionnaires have truly been a great national bulwark for American ideals and for our security as a free people. But the Legion has done far more than oppose the enemies of freedom and the forces which aim at world-enslavement.

"At home The American Legion has launched a vigorous program for good citizenship. Standing apart from partisan politics, it has played a great part in keeping our public life wholesome and dynamic."

"On many fronts, the Legion is steadily expanding its significance as a creative force in those broad areas of life where government must depend on the free cooperation of its citizens for their own security and welfare."

The New York Governor told the gathering that when he had been the United States Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs during World War II he had received assistance of "priceless value" from the Legion.

Governor Rockefeller also spoke highly of Cmdr McKneally's work as a member of the New York State Defense Council, an organization officially set up to take over the state government in event of a defense emergency.

In speaking of his appointment of McKneally to the defense council, Rockefeller said this: "It is characteristic of his patriotism and good citizenship that he did not hesitate to add to his already great responsibilities this important public duty. I think he represents the true spirit of the Legion."

In his own address to the large group of well-wishers, Cmdr McKneally scored Fidel Castro and his Cuban regime as offering "supreme affront" to the government of the United States.

"Fidel Castro," McKneally said, "is doing the business of Communists and is fomenting revolution among volatile groups elsewhere."

Cmdr McKneally also warned of the danger that might result to this country by the present drive to reduce the federal budget by limiting the strength of the armed forces of the United States in overseas areas.

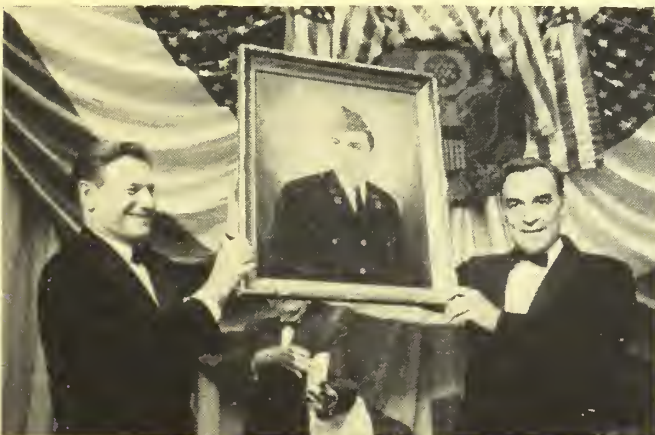
Other speakers included New York's Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson, New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner, New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and U. S. Representative Katherine St. George.

Immediately following the banquet, entertainment was provided by Vincent Lopez and his internationally famous orchestra.

Special arrangements were made for this entertainment through the courtesy of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) with the help of ASCAP President Stanley Adams, Public Affairs Director Paul Cunningham, and Public Relations Director Richard Frohlich.

Prior to the banquet, a private reception in honor of Cmdr McKneally was held at New York's Belmont Plaza Hotel. The affair was sponsored by the Legion Department of New York and New York City's Seagram Post 1283.

Co-Chairmen for the Commander's testimonial dinner were Maurice Stember, Dep't of New York Adjutant, and James V. Demarest, chairman of the Legion's Nat'l Convention Commission.



At banquet Gov. Rockefeller and Cmdr McKneally show new oil portrait of commander (left). Some of the 1500 guests (right).

40&8 Told to Stop Use of Legion Name As Its Officials Deny Legion Control

National Commander Martin B. McKneally has ordered the 40&8 to cease using the name and emblem of The American Legion.

The Commander took the drastic step under authority granted him by the Legion's National Executive Committee last October.

License to use the Legion name and emblem is controlled by the Legion's Executive Committee. In October it approved "any and all steps" to be taken by the Commander to secure 40&8 compliance with a Legion convention finding that the 40&8's "white clause" is illegal. The NEC specified that such steps by the Commander could include withdrawal of the use of the Legion's name by the 40&8.

The Commander acted after a meeting, on Nov. 30, of national officials of the 40&8 and The American Legion to discuss the 40&8's written national rule against admitting Legionnaires who are not white.

At the Nov. 30 meeting — as in an earlier one in September — the 40&8 officials took no action to remove the racial restriction, after having been officially advised by the Legion to do so.

40&8 officials at the meeting were (a) John Hobbles of Kansas, elected national head of the 40&8; (b) Charles Ardery of Indiana, national secretary of the 40&8, and (c) George Boland of Nebraska, national legal counsel of the 40&8.

Legion officials who met with them on Nov. 30 were (a) Ralph Gregg of Indiana, National Judge Advocate of The American Legion, (b) Samuel Birnbaum of New York, member of the Legion's National Constitution and By-Laws Committee and (c) Bertram Davis of Indiana, Assistant National Judge Advocate of The American Legion.

The representatives of the 40&8 maintained that:

1. Its restriction of membership to white Legionnaires is legal and valid;

2. The 40&8 is not obligated to conform to any of the following:

(a) An American Legion National Convention declaration that the "white clause" is illegal;

(b) A Legion National Executive Committee resolution calling for prompt termination of the "white clause";

(c) A finding of the Legion National Judge Advocate that the 40&8's "white clause" is contrary to the constitution and charter of The American Legion;

(d) Instructions of the National Commander of The American Legion to

comply with the findings of the Legion's top policy bodies.

One of the surprising contentions of 40&8 legal counsel Boland was that the 40&8 is not a subsidiary of The American Legion, and that the Legion does not stand as a parent body in relation to the 40&8.

The American Legion Constitution in 1937 recognized the 40&8 as a subsidiary.

In 1939 the 40&8 applied for a change in tax status to the Internal Revenue Bureau on the basis of its relation to its "parent body" — The American Legion.

The 40&8 has accepted from the Legion a license to use the name and emblem of The American Legion.

The fruitless Nov. 30 meeting was the second attempt by the Legion to secure voluntary 40&8 action by a meeting of minds. The meeting complied with a Legion National Convention resolution originating in Hawaii asking the National Commander to seek the "sympathetic support of the 40&8" in the matter.

Prior to the Nov. 30 meeting, Commander McKneally had expected that the 40&8 officials would act voluntarily. He had told a press conference in Augusta, Me., that: "We expect the 40&8 to come to a solution. I hope there will be no need for further action, and that the problem will be solved with a minimum of abrasion."

During October and November, several Grand Voitures in the states called on the national 40&8 to take prompt action to remove the "white clause." Local Voiture 499, in Clark County, Ga., also petitioned the national 40&8 to make its membership requirement correspond to that provided in the Legion's

constitution.

The Grand Voiture of the 40&8 in New Hampshire was one that asked the Nat'l 40&8 to conform to the Legion's constitution.

In answer, national 40&8 secretary Charles Ardery stated that a change in 40&8 membership rules would be made only if voted by a national convention of the 40&8.

Legionnaires and 40&8ers may well be confused by the legalities of this situation, which is doing neither the Legion nor the 40&8 any good.

Ardery's answer to New Hampshire poses the key question. May the 40&8 ignore the findings and regulations and constitution of the parent organization until such time as its own national convention may agree with them?

In 1921, the 40&8 was an informal group of Legionnaires.

In 1922, the 40&8 became an official corporation unto itself by incorporating in the State of Washington.

In 1925 it dropped the earlier charter and reincorporated in the State of Indiana, in order — it told the Internal Revenue Bureau in 1939 — to be near the "parent body."

In 1937, the Legion National Convention adopted an amendment to the Constitution of The American Legion recognizing the 40&8 as a subsidiary. That amendment was recommended by the Legion's National Executive Committee.

Judge Wilbur Alter, of Colorado, made the report to the 1937 National Executive Committee of the Legion which resulted in official recognition of the 40&8.

Judge Alter's original motion to the National Executive Committee in 1937 proposed that the 40&8 be recognized as an "auxiliary." It also included a section defining who would be eligible for 40&8 membership.

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS and members of the Legion's Nat'l Religious Emphasis Committee met in Indianapolis, Nov. 18-19, with Nat'l Chaplain Rabbi Robert I. Kahn (Tex.), to discuss the role and responsibility of The American Legion Chaplain in community life and to formulate recommendations for an effective religious emphasis program. Included in the various recommendations were several which seek to improve the relations between The American Legion and organized religion. It was the 9th annual conference of the two groups. Representatives attended from twenty-six Departments.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1959-60

BELOW ARE the 58 Department Commanders of The American Legion for the year 1959-60.

Each Commander was elected by his

Department Convention in the late spring or summer of 1959.

The American Legion Departments include the 50 states, the District of

Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal Zone, Mexico, Canada, the Philippines, Italy and France.



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40&8 MEMBERSHIP PROVISION (Continued from page 26)

In the debate in the NEC in 1937, three members raised questions regarding the power of The American Legion to control the 40&8, once it received official recognition.

Ray Mobley, of Louisiana, questioned whether the Legion should define 40&8 membership eligibility.

Judge Alter answered: "We set up the eligibility requirements for auxiliary organizations."

No other members questioned this point further.

With this understanding of the situation the NEC and later the National Convention, recognized the 40&8, and Section 2 of Article Fourteen of The American Legion Constitution states in its entirety: "Membership in (the 40&8) shall be limited to members of The American Legion in good standing."

At the NEC in 1937, William Stigler, of Oklahoma, said: "The Judge Advocate has called my attention to one word there — 'auxiliary.' He suggests that the word should be changed to 'subsidiary.' I think the suggestion is well made because an auxiliary, as we all know, means something not composed, something not within our organization. . . . I so move, that the word 'auxiliary' be stricken and the word 'subsidiary' be substituted therefore."

Stigler's suggestion was adopted then, and Section 1 of Article Fourteen of the Constitution of The American Legion reads: "The American Legion recognizes a subsidiary organization known as (40&8)."

At the NEC in 1937, William McKinley, New Jersey, then raised the broader question.

If, he said, the Legion officially recognizes the 40&8, then "some provision for control of their general policies should be held in our hands."

He pointed out that such provision had been made when the Legion recognized The American Legion Auxiliary.

Judge Alter said he had not included anything like that.

McKinley then moved that: "This organization (the 40&8) shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee."

I. A. Jennings, of Arizona, interrupted to say: "I may suggest, in view of the change from 'auxiliary' to 'subsidiary', it is probable that is unnecessary because, being a subordinate organization, it (the 40&8) would necessarily be governed by the rules now existing."

McKinley then checked with the Judge Advocate, and finally took the

floor again to say:

"I understand it is the interpretation of the Judge Advocate that under the article as you have adopted it, calling them a subsidiary body, that would automatically bring them under control of this Committee. Therefore my amendment is not necessary and I withdraw it."

This full debate was sent to all state organizations by the National American Legion. Thus the NEC debate as well as the wording of the proposed amendment were understood by both the Legion delegates and the 40&8 when, at the 1937 National Convention, the 40&8 was given recognition by the Legion as a subsidiary organization.

The legalities of the present situation are clearcut. At Minneapolis, last August, the Legion's National Convention adopted a report declaring the 40&8 membership requirement to be illegal.

The following day the 40&8 convention, convening in nearby St. Paul, rejected a resolution from the Alaska Grand Voiture to eliminate the clause that the Legion's convention had already declared illegal.

Requested by the Legion in September to take further action, a 40&8 national committee especially set up to deal with the question declined to act.

When called upon by the Legion's National Executive Committee to act promptly in October, top 40&8 national officials held their view of the question to be superior to that of the Legion and again declined to act.

When served by official notice in October to take corrective action within a month, 40&8 officials again met to deal with the question on Nov. 30, again declined to act, again held their position to be superior to that of the parent body.

When asked by the Grand Voiture of New Hampshire to conform to the Legion mandate, national 40&8 secretary Ardery answered that only an action by a 40&8 convention would be considered.

The position thus adopted by the 40&8's top officials is that the 40&8 is not a subsidiary of The American Legion, and is responsible only to itself.

This position, like the contested membership clause, is also outside of the Constitution of The American Legion.

If accepted by the National Commander, it would place him in the position of failing to correct an illegality called to his attention by the convention that elected him, and of countenancing a challenge to the constitutional authority of The American Legion by the officials who speak for a subsidiary organization.

SCOUTS RECEIVE HELPING HAND IN SEATTLE



AMERICAN LEGION posts in Seattle, Wash., coordinate each fall to promote the annual Boy Scout membership drive in that city. The Legion provides a movable booth which serves as an application center for Cub and Scout memberships and as a distribution center for scout literature in different parts of town. The campaign lasts several months.

POSTS IN ACTION

Items from our 17,000 posts. Those of most general interest and widest geographical spread are selected, with apologies for the hundreds of others that are so kindly reported to the editors.

On The Wing — Post 1, Spencer, Iowa has conducted an annual "Pheasants For Veterans" shoot for the past 18 years on opening day of the season. The birds are dressed, frozen in plastic bags and shipped to the various veterans hospitals in Iowa. The event has grown to such proportions that now most of the posts in Iowa's 9th Legion district (13 counties) cooperate in the pheasant shoot.

Town Frolic — Post 457, North Branch, Mich., treated the whole town to an "Appreciation Day" free party to celebrate the burning of the post home mortgage. For the children: 1,200 candy bars, 800 bags of pop corn, 4 barrels of ginger ale. For the adults: 1,800 chicken dinners and a big dance.

Hometown Boosters — Post 110, Port Charlotte, Fla., sells special automobile tags to publicize its home community. Proceeds are used for community service projects.

Crossroads — Post 1, Bermuda, serves as a "home away from home" for hundreds of Legionnaires still in service who pass through Kindley Air Force Base. Organized 14 years ago, the post has numerous recreational and athletic facilities available and has kindered good American relationships throughout the area.

Always Faithful — Post 185, Agawam, Mass., had the same commander in its first and fortieth year. Walter Stebbins was the 1919 and the 1959 post commander.

Like Home — Post 44, E. Providence, R.I., an all women's post of WWI, WW2 and Korean vets, furnished a complete bed unit worth \$500 to the New Hattie Ida Chaffee Nursing Home in E. Providence.

Community Service — Post 156, Coral Gables, Fla., received the Miami News Community Service Award for outstanding work in that field in the Miami area. The post is an all women's post.

Law & Order — Post 74, Modesto, Calif., has had an organized police reserve unit since early 1940. Now numbering 50 members, the fully uniformed group, is capable of doing all types of police work. Two reserve officers of the unit report for duty every week day night to the city police department for regular assignments. In 1958, this volunteer time amounted to over 4200 man hours or a total of 525 eight hour shifts.

Fading Memories?

"To you from failing hands we throw the Torch — be yours to hold it high."

(From "In Flanders Fields")

So wrote Canadian physician and poet John McCrae a short time before he was killed in action on the World War I battlefields of France in 1918.

As each succeeding Veterans Day rolls around in November, the torch grows dimmer and its previous lofty position sinks lower. Americans have forgotten.

From news reports, editorials and comments received, it is vividly apparent that apathy has overcome the nation's populace when it comes time to celebrate the conclusion of America's wars.

Sparse crowds show up for Veterans Day ceremonies, large city stores have commercialized the day with "Veterans Day Specials," and even the once popular Veterans Day parade is fading from the scene.

This condition is not true in all of the nation's cities, towns and hamlets but the blasé attitude is slowly taking over everywhere.

At the nation's capital, The American Legion sponsored Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nat'l Cmdr Martin B. McKneally on behalf of The American Legion, placed a wreath honoring all veterans at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

General L. I. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff, acting for President Eisenhower, placed a Presidential wreath at the Tomb.

Air Force General A. C. Wedemeyer, spoke on a familiar subject to those who witnessed the ceremonies at the Amphitheater—war and peace.

"I do not believe that war is inevitable," said General Wedemeyer. "We must find a method whereby governments with vastly different political and economic structures and even conflicting ideologies can live harmoniously in the world."

Several days prior to Veterans Day another memorializing event took place in Washington, D. C. A torch, which symbolizes American and Belgian tribute to WWI dead, was lighted by Nat'l Cmdr McKneally and Lt. Col. Leon F. Branders, Ass't Military, Naval and Air Attache of the Belgian Embassy in Washington.

Later the torch was flown to Antwerp, Belgium, by Pan American Airways. On November 11 it was hand carried to Brussels where it became a part in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of Belgium. Here a torchlight burns perpetually.

The Belgian torch carrying ceremony is sponsored by the National Veterans Association of Belgium. The American Legion has participated for many years.

CAPITOL HILL

Who's On First?

It's a cinch that sometime in the coming months your post will want to know the score in Washington on one Legion policy or another.

The last Legion convention passed 184 resolutions calling for Congressional action. Each of them expresses an interest common to so many posts that the resolutions survived post, district, state and national conventions.

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Quotes from messages, articles and addresses of Nat'l Commander Martin B. McKenally.

"There comes a time, in the field of international politics as in the field of local law enforcement, when the polite thing is not necessarily the proper thing. We do what we have to do in the light of our best judgment, our sense of moral duty, and our responsibility to those whom we serve . . ." *Washington, D.C., Nov., 1959.*

"In a great democratic nation, no man is free to be without opinions. If freedom is to be preserved, those opinions must be well considered. They must be based upon facts as we are able to discover the facts, tempered in the judgment of our own conscience and our own souls . . ." *Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1959.*

"We seem unable for some reason to accept the most important fact of our lives — the fact that Communism is as resolutely evil in its purpose and as inhuman in its means as the record proves it to be . . ." *Washington, D.C., Nov. 1959.*

"It is imperative that our nation stand firmly against whatever pressures the world may mount, for the things that we believe inherently right. America's destiny, for which all of our history has prepared us, is to preserve adherence to the moral law . . ." *Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 1959.*

"Man no longer respects, or indeed recognizes, the great controlling truths of humanity. He finds nothing to believe in except missiles and money . . ." *Washington, D.C., Nov. 1959.*

"The fate of all mankind may well be sealed by one ill-considered decision, by a judgment not based on principle. America can be lost by its deference. We will not find inspired leadership in men who believe that statesmanship and even Americanism are matters of accommodation. If we are men, we do what we ought — come what may. We cannot go through life picking petals from daisies . . ." *Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1959.*

Past National Commander Belgrano Dies Suddenly In New York City

A heart attack on November 11, Veterans Day, took the life of Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., the 17th Nat'l Cmdr of The American Legion, while he was visiting in New York City with Mrs. Belgrano. He was 64 years old.

During his term of office as Nat'l Cmdr (1934-35), Belgrano took a



Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.

strong stand against communism, socialism, fascism and Hitlerism and fought for the enactment of the Universal Draft Act and for the immediate cash payment of the Adjusted Service Certificates (for WWI veterans). He also favored the establishment of an adequate national defense.

Born in San Francisco, Calif., on May 18, 1895, Cmdr Belgrano had lived there and in Oakland most of his life.

His rapid rise in the Legion was comparable to his rise in the business and financial world. At the time of his death, he was chairman and president of Transamerica Corporation (a West Coast holding company with large insurance and real estate interests).

While still in high school in Oakland, he became an apprentice in the local banks, doing work for them after school hours. He later became associated with the First National Bank of San Francisco and it was while here that he resigned for Army duty in World War I.

As a buck private in Battery A, 144th Field Artillery, he served under the command of Captain Peter B. Kyne, well known American writer. Later he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant after attending an officers' training school and was assigned to Battery F, 33rd Field Artillery, 11th Division. He received an honorable discharge in December 1918.

His career with The American Legion began when he joined Oakland's Post 5

in 1919. The next year he helped organize Galileo Post 236 in San Francisco and became its first adjutant. He was elected commander of this post in 1924.

Four years later Belgrano was elected Department Commander of California (1928-29). It was during his term of office as department commander that Legion membership in California first passed the 50,000 mark and reached a high peak in constructive civic affairs.

Prior to his election as Nat'l Cmdr in Miami, Fla., on Oct. 25, 1934, Belgrano had served the national organization of The American Legion in the following capacities: member of the board of directors of the old Legion Publishing Company (1927-31), national executive committeeman from California (1930-32), member of the Nat'l Finance Commission (1931-34).

He is survived by his widow, Margaret Evelyn Biddle Belgrano of San Francisco and three married daughters.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

RAY MURPHY, of Saratoga, Calif., past Nat'l Cmdr of The American Legion (1935-36), re-elected to a second term as vice chairman of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

LEWIS K. GOUGH, of Los Angeles, Calif., past Nat'l Cmdr of The American Legion (1952-53), appointed vice president in charge of public relations for Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Los Angeles.

GEORGE K. WALKER, Dep't Cmdr of Massachusetts, appointed as Ass't General Superintendent of Mails (Designated Services) in the Boston Postal District. (Note: Name was erroneously reported in November issue of this magazine as Ephraim Martin, who is Postmaster of the Boston Postal District.)

ULYSSES S. BYRAM, Attica (N. Y.) Legionnaire, named Deputy Director of the N. Y. State Division of Veterans Affairs by Director Frank V. Votto.

PHILIP FORMAN, past Dep't Cmdr of New Jersey (1923-24), sworn in as judge of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in September.

JOHN BERRY, of Washington, D.C., retired employee of the Legion's Nat'l Rehabilitation Division, has joined the staff of Congressman A. D. Baumhart (Ohio).

LEMUEL W. HOUSTON, of Fredericksburg, Va., former Legion Nat'l Executive Committee (Va.), elected president of the Virginia Chapter of Postmasters of the U. S.

RANDEL SHAKE, American Legion Nat'l Child Welfare Director, named as a member of the Dep't of Labor Advisory Committee on Young Workers by Sect'y of Labor Mitchell. He was also appointed as a member of the Public Advisory Committee on Venereal Disease Control by the Surgeon General of the U. S.

JOHN M. CAREY, of Grand Blaine, Mich., immediate past Dep't Cmdr of Michigan, recipient of the first honorary membership in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, ever presented to an American Legion Dep't Cmdr.

Died:

NORMAN L. MARKS, Vice Cmdr of the Dep't of Italy and a trustee of the Legion's Julia Wheelock Fund, in New York City, a few days after returning from the Nat'l Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, which he attended against the advice of his physicians.

He was also a former member of The American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission Advisory Board, the Nat'l Counter-Subversive Committee and the Nat'l Veterans Preference Committee.

WILLIAM A. SCHMITT, Mississippi's past Dep't Cmdr (1929-30) and past Nat'l Executive Committeeman (1930-32), in Yazoo City (Miss.). He also served on the Nat'l Distinguished Guests Committee (1933).

WILLIAM T. COMER, past Dep't Cmdr of Florida (1938-39), in Washington, D.C. At the time of his death, he was a management expert at the Army's Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of the Legion's Nat'l Veterans Preference Committee (1939-47).

JAMES GAREY, past Dep't Cmdr of Montana (1933-34), killed in October while on a hunting trip.

JOSEPH D. GRADY, Ohio American Legion Dep't service officer in charge of the Cleveland office, suddenly of a heart attack, in Cleveland.

JOHN JACOB SASLAVSKY, former Dep't Adjutant of Ohio (1924-46), Legion alternate Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Ohio (1926-1936), Dep't of Ohio service officer (1924-39); in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 5.

DR. LEONARD W. ESPER, past Dep't Cmdr of Illinois (1943-44), Dep't Adjutant of Ill. (1950-54), Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Ill. (1945-47), member of Legion Nat'l Americanism Commission (since 1954); in Springfield, Ill., on Oct. 31.

WILLIAM R. FUGITT, past Dep't Cmdr of W. Virginia (1947-48), director of W. Virginia Boys State; in Beckley, W. Virginia., on Nov. 4.

HERBERT A. DAVIS, past Dep't Cmdr of Washington (1949-50), member of Legion Nat'l Membership and Post Activities Committee (1951-53); in Okanogan, Wash., on Nov. 9.

WILLIAM E. CORNELL, member of Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Advisory Board; in Bloomfield, N.J., in November.

JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., past Dep't Cmdr of South Carolina (1935-36), Legion Nat'l Executive Committeeman from S.C. (1945-51), chairman of Legion Nat'l Americanism Commission (since 1950); in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 30.

MSGR. EDWARD A. LOEHR, former Dep't Chaplain of N.Y. (1942-43); in New York City, on Nov. 8.

REV. R. HOMER GLEASON, former Dep't Chaplain of Ohio (1949-50); in Dayton, Ohio, on Oct. 25.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Willie Skipper (1959), Post 3, Mobile, Ala.
Harris Martin and Ernest G. Schade and Thomas E. Sidebotham and William A. Smith (all 1959), Post 21, Clifton, Ariz.
William Wheat and Emery Potter (both 1959), Post 307, North Hollywood, Calif.
Etta Zeh (1949), Post 378, Long Beach, Calif.
Allan B. Chute (1959), Post 760, San Francisco, Calif.

George Cawfield and Carl G. Duncan (both 1959), Post 181, Avondale, Colo.

James J. Hazdra (1959), Post 96, Cicero, Ill.
Frank E. Fish and John Flessner and James H. Glynn and Jesse L. Jones (all 1959), Post 287, Rantoul, Ill.

Mitchell Kwaseniet (1959), Post 991, Worth, Ill.
Dr. Austin R. Killian (1959), Post 11, Lafayette, Ind.

Orla L. Tharp (1944) and Ferd Badt and William Cummins (both 1946), Post 211, Portland, Ind.
Eugene M. Vigns (1959), Post 362, Merom, Ind.
J. Horace McClure (1959), Post 21, Bath, Maine.
Merton Larrahee (1959), Post 32, Pittsfield, Maine.

Glen Luce (1957) and Loyd D. Sellers (1958) and William Ray Moore (1959), Post 208, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Leo Corbett and Owen McCullough and Merle F. Porter (all 1959), Post 325, Blissfield, Mich.

Al E. Johansen (1959), Post 203, St. Paul, Minn.
Ignace F. Loyacono and Clive Metcalfe, Sr. and Church Stallings (all 1959), Post 32, Greenville, Miss.

Ivah Pearle Finney (1959), Post 496, Jefferson City, Mo.

Edward W. Wittke (1959), Post 3, Westfield, N. J.

Alexander F. Ruch (1956) and George W. Mathis (1959), Post 133, Woodbury, N. J.

Joseph A. Brock (1959), Post 15, Springfield Gardens, N. Y.

Edgar N. McDonald and Willard M. McGuire and Frank C. Montgomery and W. Allen Newell (all 1959), Post 69, Oedensburg, N. Y.

William P. Vanden Dries and George J. Godfrey (both 1958) and Lawrence A. McNally and Augustus Zindel (both 1959), Post 84, New York, N. Y.

Edward Scribner (1959), Post 1261, Schoharie, N. Y.


Joshua Nahm (1959), Post 1497, New York, N. Y.

William H. Chambers and Ben J. Kallestad (both 1959), Post 238, Michigan, N. Dak.

Patsy Gallo and Earl W. Hendershot and Harold T. Johnson and Ralph M. Kendall (all 1959), Post 44, Northumberland, Pa.

Charles S. Stephens and John A. Whitman (both 1959), Post 147, Roaring Spring, Pa.

W. Ray Egli and Clarence H. Goodnow and Lester B. Grange and Dale Gray (all 1959), Post 268, Muncy, Pa.



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Frank O'Neil and Sig Pucklavage and Peter Raudinaitis and Frank Salesky (all 1954), Post 677, New Philadelphia, Pa.

Ben Thomas (1959), Post 684, Arnold, Pa.
Jack R. Shryer (1959), Post 57, Suffolk, Va.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships." The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases. Receipt of names cannot be acknowledged.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

● Australia now has its first American Legion post — located in the city of Sydney. "Yanks Down Under" Post 1 commander, Marcel Cohan, was presented the new charter by Mr. Orray Taft, U.S. Consul in Sydney. Ex-U.S. servicemen now living there have been working for the past 12 years to organize the post.

● According to a recent survey conducted in this country by National Family Opinion, Inc., only 20% of the families asked said that they owned an American flag . . . and a third of these didn't even go to the trouble of displaying it on appropriate holidays.

● Business firms and individuals who subscribed \$93,625 to insure the success of the recent American Legion Nat'l Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul are being paid back 95 cents on the dollar.

● Memorial services for the late Joe H. Adams of Miami, Fla., former Legion Nat'l Vice Commander and for many years chmn of the Legion's Nat'l Convention Commission, were conducted by Miami's Harvey Seeds Post.

In attendance were prominent Legionnaires, representatives of the city gov't, Orange Bowl Committee and the Greater Miami Hotel Association. The nat'l organization was represented by James F. O'Neil of New York City, publisher of The American Legion Magazine.

● CBS-TV will carry a network telecast of the annual American Legion "For God and Country" program on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1960 from 10:00-10:30 A.M. (E.S.T.).

● The American Legion Nat'l Publications Commission annual meetings will be held in New York City on Jan. 28-29, 1960 at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel.

● A leather bound, 40-year pictorial history of The American Legion compiled and edited by Guy O. Stone (Ga.), past Nat'l Vice Cmdr and past National Executive Committeeman, is now on display in the American Legion Library in Indianapolis.

● The school safety training program of

the Legion's Dep't of Minnesota has won for the Dep't one of the National Safety Council's highest awards.

The Dep't owns and operates a summer camp (known as Legionville) as a training center for school safety patrols. Since 1936, more than 7,000 Minnesota school children have trained there. The Legionville program is recognized as the largest of its kind in the country.

● Thanks to The American Legion, Newport, R. I. has a 500-bed emergency disaster center. Newport Post has dedicated its new \$750,000 post home which is large enough to be used for this purpose. Included in the building is the city's largest auditorium and a bomb shelter with its own generator.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these comrades are urged to do so.

Notices are run at the request of The American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission. They are not accepted from other sources.

Readers wanting Legion help with claims should contact their local service officers.

Service officers unable to locate needed witnesses for claims development should refer the matter to the Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission through normal channels, for further search before referral to this column.

Army

9th Div Artillery, Hq Btry, Air Section—In late 1945 I suffered a head injury in a truck accident at Mulldorf (or Muehldorf), Germany. Now

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ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit . . .	\$ 439,267.79
Receivables	429,704.64
Inventories	439,713.67
Invested Funds	660,660.08
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	260,916.88
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,850,076.70
Real Estate	804,990.16
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less Depreciation	319,138.29
Deferred Charges	179,427.11
	\$6,383,895.31

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 379,344.17
Funds restricted as to use	40,705.82
Deferred Income	1,648,046.36
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	260,916.88
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,850,076.70
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	24,185.11
Restricted Fund	20,424.33
Real Estate	804,990.15
Reserve for Rehabilitation	415,297.63
Reserve for Child Welfare	45,796.62
Reserve for Convention	30,000.00
	\$1,340,693.84
Unrestricted Capital	135,888.46
	\$6,383,895.31

need to locate anyone who remembers the accident, especially T/5 Archie L. Newman, of Augusta, Ga., who was with me at the time. Since a detachment from each field artillery battalion in the division was stationed with the air section, some vet of one of these units may recall the accident; would like to hear from anyone who do. Write me, Leonard L. Card, 10 Delway Road, East Providence, R.I. Claim pending.

Air

25th Bomb Group, 35th Bomb Sqdn—During a landing in late Jan. or early Feb. 1944, the late T/Sgt Henry J. Petty suffered an injury of his right wrist. Petty was crew chief of either the *Flaming Fanny* or the *Darling Merida*. At the time in question the 35th Bomb Sqdn, a B-25 outfit, was flying submarine patrol missions out of San Juan, Puerto Rico, or Dutch Guiana. In order to establish claim, now need to locate anyone who remembers T/Sgt Petty or the incident in which he was injured. Write me, Mrs. Henry J. Petty, 910 SW. First St., Andrews, Tex.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

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Army

8th Cav, Troop D (Glen Springs, Tex., 1919)—(Jan.) Samuel J. Franco, Box 293, North Oxford, Mass.
109th Ord (Medium Maint) Co—(Aug.) Arnold Tune, R. D. 3, Spring Valley, Minn.
185th Inf.—(Feb.) Charles B. Boon, 128 E. Minnewawa Ave., Fresno 2, Calif.
216th AAA Gun Bn—(June) Walter F. Rahn, P.O. Box 377, Clarence, N.Y.
302d Engrs (both WW's)—(Feb.) Louis F. Merlin, 28 E. 39th St., New York 16, N.Y.
338th Inf, 1st Bn—(Apr.) Willis O. Jackson, P.O. Box 215, Station D, Atlanta, Ga.
340th FA (WW1)—(Jan.) Ed A. Akers, Box 53, R. D. 1, Yreka, Calif.
360th Engr Gen Service Regt—(June) Edward E. Ziats, Box 257, Marianna, Pa.
415th RR Tel Bn (AEF)—(Apr.) James J. Maher, 3723 S. Rockwell St., Chicago 32, Ill.
604th Ord Maint Bn (formerly 1st Bn, 302d Ord Regt)—(May) Charles Townsend, 3261 Remington St., Camden, N.J.
San Squad 20 (WW1)—(Apr.) Edward Eble, 6739 N. Lawrence St., Philadelphia 26, Pa.

Navy

71st Seabees—(Aug.) William E. Byrd, 440 Madison Ave., Redwood City, Calif.
"F" Assn (Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Firefighters)—(July) L. B. McGurk, 414 Woodlawn Ave., Streator, Ill.
LCI Flotilla II (Europe, WW2)—(Aug.) Paul L. Carter, 804 Fourth Ave., Iowa City, Iowa.
USS Arizona—(Apr.) Joseph Keehen, 811 Locust St., Long Beach, Calif.
USS California—(June) Harold D. Bean, Box 275, Sorento, Ill.
USS Chicago (WW1)—(Apr.) Frank J. Clarke, 7670 Williams Way, Philadelphia 17, Pa.
USS Douglas L. Howard—(May) Ted Tecza, 149 Ninth St., Passaic, N.J.
USS Gwin — (Aug.) Bart DiReda, 17 Rena St., Worcester, Mass.
USS Hornet (CV8—CV12) (Members of the crew of either Hornet and of air units based on these ships)—(June) John F. Murphy, 1657 Hanning-ton Ave., Wantagh, N.Y.
USS Niagara (WW1)—(Feb.) Joe Havender, Jr., 3686 Jerome Ave., Bronx 67, N.Y.
USS Picking—(June) Stephen Malecki, 1810 Freeport Road, Arnold, Pa.
USS South Dakota (WW1)—(Apr.) A. P. Powelson, 345 N. Bridge St., San Gabriel, Calif.
Women Marines—(July) Maj. Jean Durfee, USMCR, Box 4, Capitol Hill Station, Denver, Colo.

Air

377th Fighter Sqdn—(Aug.) Charles F. Mann, 786 Baltic St., Memphis 12, Tenn.
507th Fighter Group (WW2)—(Sept.) James A. Bunker, Roseland, Nebr.
613th AC & W Sqdn (Misawa and Johnson AFB's, Japan)—(Feb.) Robert J. Emrich, R. D. 5, Fort Wayne, Ind.

sent Hitler a congratulatory message. I could document the Kremlin's pro-nazi record with quotation after quotation. As for the U.S.S.R. bearing the brunt of the war, it must be emphasized that the Soviet Union would not have entered the war at all if it hadn't been doublecrossed by its nazi ally. And it is extremely doubtful that the U.S.S.R. would have survived the German invasion had it not been for Allied—largely American—aid. Remember, we supplied the Soviets with more than \$11 billion worth of supplies. The British and Americans lost thousands of men and many ships delivering those supplies to the Russians. Meanwhile, the Allies were maintaining an increasingly heavy bombing offensive against Germany, and Allied armies were in action against the Axis in the Mediterranean area and France. Had it not been for Allied mastery of the seas, the Soviets would have been cut off from the crucial imports that saved Stalin's empire. A look at the record—the actual record—demolishes the myth that the Soviet Union led a crusade that destroyed Hitler.

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Q. Isn't it a fact that communism is motivated by idealism? And isn't com-

munism so successful because the men who lead it are thinking only in terms of peace, education, and a higher standard of living for people everywhere?

A. I refer you to the former Number Two man in a communist country. Milovan Djilas, former Vice President of Yugoslavia. He was recognized by reds all over the world as a top authority on communism. This man is now serving a long term in prison for voicing his disillusionment with communism. In his book *The New Class*, written and smuggled out of Yugoslavia before Tito threw him in jail, Djilas ridicules the fiction of communist idealism. He says, on page 81: "The thirst for power is insatiable and irresistible among Communists." Speaking of the leaders of world communism, Djilas writes: "Careerism, extravagance, and love of power are inevitable, and so is corruption." Djilas answers your question out of bitter experience.

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Q. If the American people years ago had extended a friendly hand to the struggling young Soviet Government, how different our relations with the Russians would be today! By just a little show of generosity and good neighbor-

liness, couldn't we have made the communists our friends?

A. That is a grotesque perversion of the truth. The facts are that, less than four years after the Soviet dictatorship seized power, we Americans dramatically demonstrated our friendship for the Russian people. We may even have saved the new Soviet regime from being overwhelmed by chaos. In the 1921 Russian famine, when 25 million Russians were starving, we went to their aid. Through Mr. Herbert Hoover's American Relief Administration, we provided food for 16 million hunger victims a day, vast amounts of medicines, blankets, clothes, hospital supplies. At the time even the men in the Kremlin admitted that American aid had saved millions of Russians from death. Yet we asked—and got—nothing in return, not even gratitude.

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Q. Why aren't communists in this country treated like other Americans? Why are they treated as traitors?

A. The communists have made their own record. In this country, as in other countries, they have put the interest of the Soviet Union ahead of their own nation's. In Czechoslovakia the late For-

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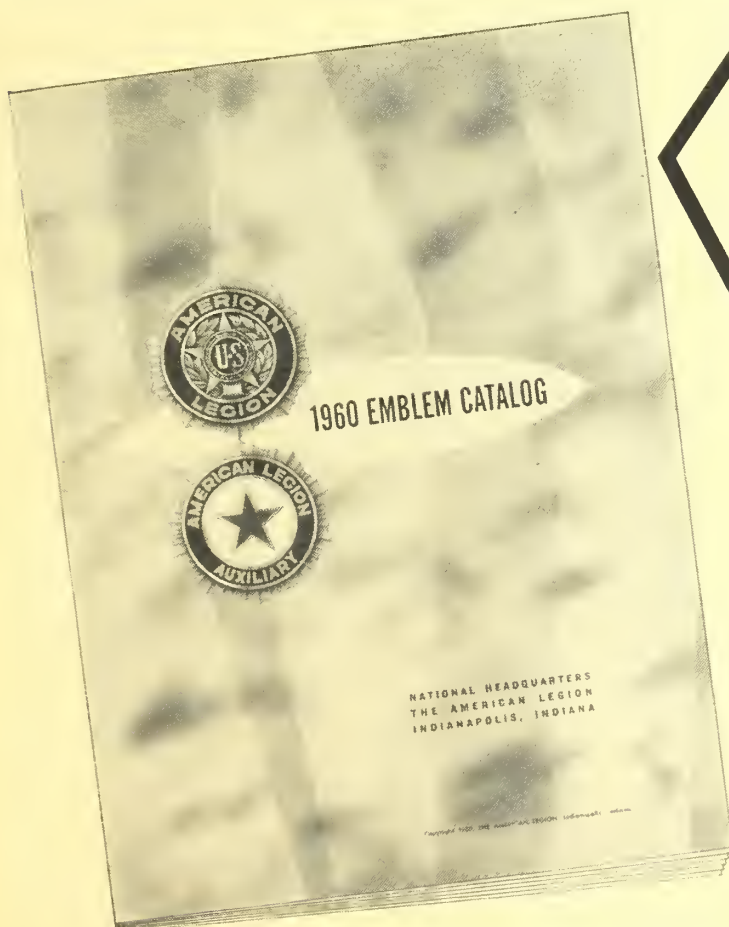
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eign Minister, Jan Masaryk, used to shake his finger at doubting Americans and insist that Czech communists were; first, loyal Czechs; second, communists. You know the tragic price Masaryk and his country paid for such naïveté. In India, Premier Nehru is now learning about his own and neighboring communists the hard way. Experience has shown that communism and loyalty to one's own government just don't mix.

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Q. Wouldn't it help international relations if inflammatory broadcasts were stopped? Don't you think that Walter Winchell's anti-Soviet diatribes create tension between America and Russia?

A. It certainly would help if dishonest radio attacks of nation against nation were stopped. And Moscow is the place to start. The Kremlin has a virtual monopoly on broadcasting hatred and distortions against other nations, now that the nazis have been driven off the air. As for Mr. Winchell, he did not create the tension between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A.; he merely reports conditions that exist. And in trying to wake up the American people to the dangers that face them, I think that Mr. Winchell is rendering a patriotic service to his country.

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Q. Inasmuch as we invaded Siberia to overthrow the Soviet Government, do you wonder that the Russians suspect our sincerity and intentions?

A. We never "invaded" Siberia. During World War I we sent a few thousand troops there to protect the supplies that we had given the Russians for use in the common war against Germany. We went there, too, to prevent the Japanese from

grabbing all of Siberia as far west as Lake Baikal. We did not use our soldiers in Siberia to help the White Russians against the Reds. Maybe we *should* have done just that. Communist sympathizers continually accuse us of doing what we *should* have done.

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Q. Why should we criticize Russian policy in Germany? Isn't it motivated by the praiseworthy objective of destroying German militarism and preventing the rise of another Hitler?

A. This is a fantastic query. The Kremlin's empire builders aim to get control of all of Germany and make it part of the Soviet empire. The Kremlin has no aversion to militarism; it has turned Russia into a vast military compound. It had no objection to Hitler until he doublecrossed Stalin. The Kremlin has militarized East Germany and welcomed many nazis into its party and police organizations.

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Q. How can you justify our refusal to recognize the Republic of China?

A. I justify it on two grounds: (1) the survival of the free world, and (2) the moral issue. If we recognized Red China, our action would have a devastating effect throughout all Asia and beyond. Free nations, which until now have withstood Red Chinese pressure, would see in our action a capitulation to the Peiping aggressors. They would be influenced to get on the Red Chinese band wagon before it was too late, and we would see the rest of Asia slip behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Morally, the Red Chinese have no case. They were aggressors in Korea,

and have been so declared by the United Nations. They are aggressors in Indochina and that tragic Hungary of the East, Tibet. Red China is still technically at war with the United Nations. It has brutally refused to account for hundreds of American military prisoners and continues to pursue a course of international outlawry.

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Q. You will agree, won't you, that international trade fosters friendship? Don't you see that our policy of refusing to trade with Russia hurts our economy and endangers peace?

A. We have not refused to trade with Russia. Promotion of international trade is a traditional American policy. But we have belatedly come to recognize that the Russians use trade as a weapon in the cold war. They aren't interested in furthering normal commerce. What the Kremlin is trying to do is cajole us into furnishing credits and strategic goods that would accelerate the buildup of the red war machine. We would be happy to sell the Russians refrigerators, sewing machines, bathtubs, and consumer goods that they need so badly. But the Kremlin isn't interested in imports of that kind. It wants such things as steel pipe for military oil lines, entire chemical plants to build up the military economy that is supposed to bury us. If we supplied these military shipments, we would be repeating on an even greater scale our costly blunder of selling scrap iron to Japan in the months before Pearl Harbor.

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Q. You know, don't you, that in Asia, Africa, and Latin America we support the dictators, while the Soviet Union is always on the side of the people?

A. No, I do not know any such thing. We simply recognize the governments that are in control, unless they engage in the most flagrant misconduct. We recognize dictatorships that are highly distasteful to us, such as the Soviet puppet regimes in the satellites. If, for example, we set out to change the administrations we don't approve of, we would be denounced by Moscow for interfering in the affairs of other nations. As a law-abiding nation, we have to follow certain lines of international policy. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, plots against every government in the world outside the Iron and Bamboo Curtains, no matter how good a government it may be. As for the Soviets being on the side of the people, that is completely untrue. The Kremlin is pushing its own imperialist programs, and it cynically makes use of people wherever its own destructive ends may be served.

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Q. Aren't you aware that ever since Hiroshima the Russians have been trying to make an agreement with us that would forever banish atomic warfare?



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CHETEK BOAT CORP. has sent us an interesting folder on its new all-wood lapstrakes from the 14' 3" Mam'selle to the 19' 10" Regal Contessa. And the company attached a price list that's printed in big type which we like. The Mam'selle is \$495. The 17' Duchess (the family boat) is \$995, and the big Regal Contessa is \$1,495. This folder gives you complete information, including prices, on equipment and accessories. Vern Larsen at Chetek Boat Corp., Chetek, Wis., will send you a free copy and give you complete information.

WE LIKE what a judge did to three "sportsmen" in South Dakota who were arrested for litterbugging. They were fined \$25 each plus \$12.25 court costs, and the judge decreed that they must clean up "all" of the trash in the lake area that they had littered. We print litterbugging incidents from time to time in this column because authorities seem to be convinced that hunters and fishermen are the greatest violators in this national problem. We welcome any advice readers may have.



WARREN F. McKEENEN, of 677 S. Ninth St., Lindenhurst, N. Y., says that he equips his duckblind with an old piano stool. It enables him to turn, shoot in any direction.

EDWARD E. GRUNWALD, JR., 48 46th St., Weehawken, N. J., has this for hunters: "I have found that the most effective way to remove leading and streaks in gun barrels, especially shotguns, is to swab the barrel with blue ointment. The mercury in the ointment is sufficient to do a really fine job in loosening lead particles that your cleaning patch and oil won't budge. Apply the blue ointment to the bore and let it stand for three hours, then remove. For very badly leaded and streaked bores, repeat the operation."

SOME FISHERMEN have had bad experience with monofilament knots slipping out at important moments. Paul A. Miller, of 132 S. Kerswick Ave., Glenside, Pa., says that blood knots, clinch knots, and end-loop knots will hold, but that it is necessary to use at least five turns around the standing part of the line and to pull the knot tight slowly. He says these knots work fine.

SEVERAL READERS have objected to Claude H. Ford's suggestion (in our November issue) that the hunter tie the deer's four feet together and carry the kill home over his shoulders. They say it's too dangerous, because another hunter might fire at the deer and kill you by mistake. Maybe they have something, although on page 6 of bulletin #200 the Utah State Agricultural College, of Logan, Utah, illustrates this method.

The bulletin also says: "If the distance is not too great the deer may be dragged over snow and leaves without ruining the hide for leather. However, never drag game if it is possible to transport it any other way."

IF YOU WANT to know about cooking fish and shellfish, you should get the booklets offered by the U. S. Government Printing Office on these subjects. Such items as *Basic Fish Cookery*, for example. This 26-page illustrated booklet contains tips on the nutritive value of various types of seafood, and is a guide for buying fish and shellfish. It also gives recipes for frying, broiling, baking, planking, boiling, and steaming seafood. It costs 25¢.

Another useful booklet is *Fish Cookery For One Hundred*, designed for those who prepare fishery products in large quantities. This one has 44 pages, is illustrated, and costs 30¢.

A complete listing of Government Printing Office publications relating to fish and wildlife is available free of charge. Write Supt. of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for this.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who like your adventure sitting down, here is a list of free motion pictures available for showing by Legion Posts. Titles and sources are: *Shooting Safety* — Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 250 East 43d St., New York 17, N. Y. *Gunning The Flyways*, *Exhibition Shooting*, and *Bay At The Moon* — Remington Arms Co., Bridgeport 2, Conn. *Showman Shooter*, *Calling All Ducks*, and *Red Letter Days* — Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., Winchester Plant, New Haven 4, Conn. *Out Of The North* — American Motors Corp., Detroit, Michigan. *With Gun And Dog* (and others) — Gaines Dog Research Center, 250 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y. *Trigger Happy Harry* and *How To Shoot A Rifle* — National Rifle Assn., 1600 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.; west of the Rocky Mountains: Col. Tod Sloan, 2502 Goodwin Ave., Redwood City, Calif. *Tomorrow We Hunt* and *Muzzle Shy* — New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept., Attn.: John Dodge, 34 Bridge Street, Concord, N.H.

All are 16-mm., color and sound movies.

EMIL G. SCHROEDER, R.D. 1, Athens, Wis., comes up with a lifesaving idea that is well worth remembering: "You will find that your car comes factory-equipped with a device to rescue a swimmer; namely, your spare tire. When fully inflated, it is buoyant enough to support three or four people.

"Roll it into the water and push it out as far as you can wade, and then push with kick strokes. If you cannot swim, push it out with a long branch or a fishing pole or anything available. Above all, do not throw it into the water, for it may hit someone and injure him. Always keep it inflated, keep the lug loosened, and tire untangled to be readily available."

THE 30-PAGE, illustrated free booklet *The Wingshooter's Handbook* is an excellent treatise on shotgun shooting. Such chapters as "The Development of Shotgun Chokes," "Fitting the Choke to the Range," and "The Poly-Choke and Your Gun," make valuable reading. Subjects like choke and patterns are clearly explained. This booklet should be of great interest to all scattergunners. Get your free copy by writing H. Welles Steane, The Poly-Choke Co., Hartford, Conn.



ARNOLD ERICSON, 7 S. Clay, Liberal, Kans., "pins" this down neatly: "If you live in a tent while hunting or fishing, throw in a dozen snap-type wooden clothespins with your tent when packing. They can be used to hold door flaps open; and if you attach a weight, they will hold window flaps down. They also come in handy around camp and on the trail for clipping papers together, for fastening down notes you may leave for other members of your party, and for clamping together the open side of a bed roll made with blankets."

NEIL WHITE, of Sunset Ave., Tupper Lake, N. Y., offers: "If you're trapping for beaver on a small river or a large stream, don't bother to look for cuttings much below the main house, because Mr. Beaver is smart and will use the current to move the logs to his house. Always look for beaver cuttings in the large stands of poplar or alder trees upstream from the beaver house."

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spread, too," he added smilingly.

This penchant for hard work and initiative has borne much fruit. One example is the beautiful new Saint Mark's Lutheran Church. Before the advent of the Germans Huntsville had some Lutherans but no Lutheran church. But many of the newcomers were Lutherans, and they meant to have a church of their own choice. So they spearheaded a drive to build one. And, as in the case of the observatory, they did much of the work themselves.

Another church which numbers many of the former Germans among its members is the local Catholic church. Father John A. McGonegle, of the Church of the Visitation, sums up their virtues: Thrift, desire for education, piety, the will to work, and love of home and country. "We found that they practiced virtues we like to think of as old-fashioned American ones, but which we have in such great measure forgotten."

The importance of home to the newcomers has had a curious result — it has moved a mountain into town. At the time of their arrival Monte Sano was a dominating, wooded peak a few miles from the city. It was popular for summertime outings and for fall hunting. There were some vacation cottages on the mountain but no year-round homes. The Germans were smitten with the natural beauty of the mountain and, carrying knapsacks as in the old country, many of them tramped its woods. But their tramping had a more practical purpose than merely enjoying the excursion — they were looking for homesites. When they found the spot that pleased them, they borrowed the money to buy the tract. Then they built the year-round houses they had dreamed of. The oldtimers looked at Monte Sano with new eyes and followed in the footsteps of the pioneers. Monte Sano today, with its solid, attractive homes and its colorful gardens, is well within the expanded city limits of Huntsville.

The most striking effect that Redstone Arsenal's pre-eminence in missilery has had on Huntsville has been to trigger an explosive growth of the city. The 1950 population of 16,000 has leaped to an estimated 65,000. Building goes on at a frantic pace. Automobile traffic has doubled, and doubled again. It became evident early in this spiraling expansion that something had to be done. Many voices were raised but one voice was backed by a concrete, thoroughly conceived plan; this was Hannes Luehrsen's way of assuming civic responsibility.

In his native Germany he had been an architect and city planner; now he was employed as a planning expert for the arsenal engineer. On his own initia-

tive he drew up a master plan for the city's road net. One salient feature of the plan was a new road to bypass the downtown area completely. Although there were rumblings from those who feared the bypass would mean a loss of business for the city, the mayor and council and a majority of the citizens recognized the wisdom of the plan and pressed for its acceptance.

Mayor Searcy, accompanied by Luehrsen, went to Montgomery, where State and Federal highway officials gave their approval and, even more important, made funds available. Today Memorial Parkway is a reality. It is a broad, attractive, four-lane thoroughfare (future planning contemplates two additional lanes) that has become the brightest, most bustling artery in the entire area. Instead of inhibiting business, it has acted as a drawing card. The next phase of Luehrsen's plan calls for a wide, tree-lined mall, in the style of a German *allee*, which would become the site for the city's governmental and cultural institutions. Funds have been made available for a feasibility study, and the betting in Huntsville is that Luehrsen's grand plan will be realized.

Not all of the civic contributions have been as tangible as Memorial Parkway. For instance, there is music. Not only have the former Germans given it a shot in the arm, but frequently they have provided the arm to put the shot into. Consider what Walt Wiesman has done. Wiesman, a former *Luftwaffe* sergeant assigned to von Braun during the development of the V-2, has loved and appreciated good music all his life. Soon after his arrival in Huntsville, he learned that there had been a community concert series in the town but that it had fallen into the doldrums. Wiesman felt a personal challenge to breathe new life into it. How well he succeeded can be judged by the fact that the community concert series is now an 1,100-member annual sellout. Each year it attracts such major presentations as the Detroit Symphony, the National Symphony, and Metropolitan Opera Company artists.

But Walt Wiesman is a man of many parts, and music is only one of them. As Walt puts it: "Here in the States, for the first time I was in an atmosphere where I could freely join any group and where I found so many groups whose sole purpose was to contribute to the welfare of the community." He settled on the Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of his outlets. They still talk about it with wonder in Huntsville, for Walt Wiesman proved to be a self-generating, inexhaustible source of energy, ideas, and hard work on behalf of the aims of the Jaycees. In less than two years he was elected presi-

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dent of the chapter. He had not yet become an American citizen, and this is reputed to be the first time an alien has ever been president of a Jaycee chapter. Later he went on to assume important State and national posts. And to this day, Walt responds willingly, even eagerly, to invitations to speak throughout the region. His pet speech covers the responsibilities of citizenship and the blessings of democracy. Walt, who served under Hitler, speaks feelingly on this theme.

One segment of the local population that is outspokenly enthusiastic about the former Germans is comprised of the schoolteachers. The newcomers brought with them their no-nonsense attitude toward academic effort, and their children prepared their lessons the way a varsity quarterback trains for the big game. Their desire to learn and their obvious pleasure in the stimulation and satisfaction of scholarship caused many youngsters to look anew at the business of going to school. As one high school teacher observes: "The German children made 'egghead' a respectable word. Their love for learning spread to others. Nowadays our youngsters dance rock-and-roll, but they sit still for Beethoven too. They talk about hotrods, but they also talk about Shakespeare; and that's a healthy state of affairs."

This new respect for scholarship has had other concrete results. After the advent of the von Braun team the pressure for higher education grew to the point that the State established a Huntsville branch of the University of Alabama. Many of the visiting lecturers and part-time faculty members were, and still are, drawn from the willing ranks of the missile scientists. Classes have been meeting in temporary quarters, but \$750,000 has just been allocated for a permanent

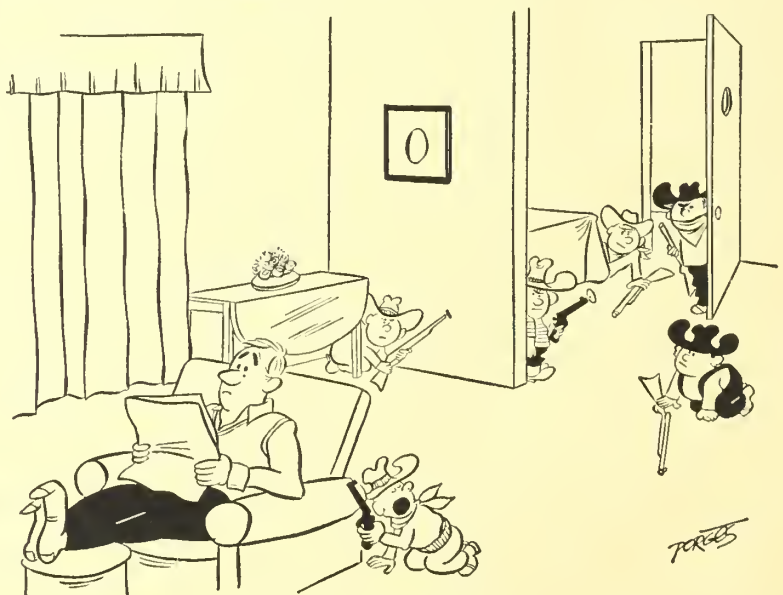
campus. One of the nearly 2,000 students has proposed facetiously that the name of the Huntsville branch be changed from the University of Alabama to the University of Bavaria because, "If it had not been for the Germans there would be no college here." There may be more than a grain of truth to his observation.

The business people of Huntsville love their new citizens because they have caused the cash registers to jingle-jangle without letup. The very fact that they were Germans added a note of the exotic and made them good newspaper copy. And the Army's outstanding missile successes, to which they contributed so heavily, kept Huntsville on page one. The thundering exhaust of the missile engines has been a siren call to lure tourists, industry, and commerce; all of them have brought their own pep pills for the local body economy. Jimmy Walker sits behind his desk at the chamber of commerce office and smiles happily as he says: "The Germans put Huntsville on the map. People all over the world have heard of us and we have the cash receipts to prove it."

It seems that all Huntsville loves its newest citizens. But this is not an unrequited love, for the former Germans feel just as strongly about their new homeland. They have proved once again the old story of the immigrant who comes to the American melting pot and emerges an American in the best tradition of this country, while retaining the best qualities of his native land.

Huntsville has left its imprint on them; but they, too, have built their monuments in this rolling countryside hard by the Tennessee River. In the words of one old-timer, "Let's hope they never run out of steam."

THE END



"Okay—Let's rush him!"

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THE AMERICAN LEGION'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

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money to send an extra boy, out of appreciation for what the Middlebury Legionnaires had done for them.

Last year, the sponsorship fees raised locally to send some 18,000 boys to Boys' States from Panama to Alaska came to nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. This does not count transportation, which, as we have seen in the case of Alaska, can run into several thousand miles. Many small rural posts in the U. S. cheerfully overcome similar difficulties. Example: the posts in western North Dakota which send their Boys' State delegates on a 600-miles round trip to North Dakota Boys' State on the state college campus in Fargo.

Every one of the 2,700,000 members of The American Legion contributes to some part of the Boys' Nation-Boys' State-Youth County programs in a large or small way, while several thousand Legionnaires make the programs work by voluntary expenditure of their time and abilities.

In addition, the cooperation of local schools; and of universities and colleges and their faculties, and of local, state and national government; and of the growing number of co-sponsoring local civic groups all help explain the fantastic depth and size of the Boys' State operation.

One can only wonder what miracles would result if this, as well as other Legion programs, were shared in by a few million more of our living war veterans.

But the lifeblood of Boys' State is not in its size. It thrives entirely on local enthusiasm over its visible local results. The Boys' Staters report back to their schools, their Legion posts, their other civic sponsors. They say:

"Thanks."

"Biggest thing in my life so far. . ."

"I learned more in a week than in a year. . ."

"I ran for sheriff and would have won, except that. . ."

"Every boy should have this chance. . ."

"The Governor told us that. . ."

"Thanks . . . thanks . . . thanks. . ."

Which is the payoff that keeps Legionnaires, schools, universities, governments coming back for more and bigger Boys' States every year.

Yet Boys' State is neither the oldest nor the biggest of the Legion's national youth programs. The National Oratorical Contest outstrips it and the Legion's School Medal Awards equal it in sheer numbers of youngsters involved. Neither quite reach the magnitude of Boys' State in depth of organization, nor in the extent of involvement of so many youngsters in a concentrated experience to bet-

ter qualify them for future adult citizenship.

But American Legion Junior Baseball, is greater in depth and scope than Boys' State — and at one time the Legion's own youth organization, the Sons of The American Legion, threatened to be the granddaddy of them all. The Second World War nearly wiped out the Sons by making most of the members eligible to join the parent adult organization.

Here it is time to begin at the beginning to see how all these huge national programs came about.

It was only natural that when the Legion was first formed in 1919 it would not immediately develop coordinated, nationwide youth programs. Yet it was in the ears that the years, and experience, would see something developed on a national scale.

Legionnaires united in 1919 for the major purpose of "serving their country in peace as in war."

The basic idea was for war veterans to preserve and improve, as civilians, the essentially American values which, in war, they had been trained to defend with their lives.

The temper of the earliest Legion meetings was that this aim should be carried out more with deeds than with words.

The nature of American society gives each citizen a role in its affairs. The future of America thus lies always in the hands of its future citizens. At any given time, the future citizens are the children. Thus there is no way in which to preserve and improve American values achieved at such cost in the past if the concepts of citizenship of youth are ignored. The knowledge, the outlook, the health and happiness of America's youth are and always will be the mould in which the America of tomorrow will be cast.

Small wonder that from its earliest days the Legion sought to make a contribution toward developing these essential assets in American youth.

As a starting point in 1919, Legion posts were urged (and urged themselves) to assist existing youth organizations. Thus the Boy Scouts became early beneficiaries of whatever sort of help the local troops and scoutmasters might need from the local Legionnaires.

For more than five years, posts looked out on their local scenes and improvised such youth activities as seemed needed locally. The national organization, through its Americanism Commission, collected the suggestions and experiences of individual posts and published them to all the others.

The originality of the posts is illustrated by the annual reports of the Na-

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tional Americanism Commission in the early 1920's. Each year they listed hundreds of different local projects, most of them dealing with youth, which different posts had taken on and carried out successfully.

Patterns began to evolve out of the sharing of experiences, and the thinking of the more dedicated Legionnaires.

The first national youth program was an essay contest, started in 1922, for youngsters between twelve and eighteen, with a different subject on a serious matter designated by the Legion each year. Prizes ranged up to \$750. Ah Sing Ching, a Hawaiian boy, took the top prize the first year.

Entries numbered about 50,000 in 1922, then zoomed to more than 300,000 a year for a few years. It was well worth the prize money, and the enormous amount of work, to inspire that many youngsters to sit down and think out a statement on a serious subject each year.

But by 1925, the country was full of essay contests. Most were carbon copies of the Legion's, but some were more trivial or tied to some special interest. These confused the situation and diluted the emphasis.

In 1926, the Legion dropped the essay contest as a national program, and left it up to those state Legion organizations that could make it go. By 1939, only 12 state Legion essay contests were operating. Ohio kept an outstanding one going. Today, the New Jersey Legion has the full cooperation of the schools in an outstanding Legion-sponsored essay contest dealing with safety.

Before 1925, Pennsylvania Legionnaires worked out a program on a statewide basis to encourage desirable serious attitudes among school children. This was simply the awarding of an American Legion Medal to an outstanding eighth grader in a local school, based on honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service.

It worked well, and was an assist to the schools in encouraging desirable attributes by furnishing outside recognition of such qualities. The American Legion adopted the Pennsylvania plan nationally in 1926, and it is still going strong. Each state Legion works out its own school medal program, and in some the award has been switched from the eighth grade to the high school graduating class. It is up to each post to carry out the program. Last year posts gave exactly 18,596 American Legion School Medals across the nation. The medals are obtained through the Legion's national Emblem Sales Division.

In 1923, *The Los Angeles Times* offered a prize to the winner of a high school public speech contest. Other newspapers picked up the idea, and for many years a group of papers kept the contest going on a national basis. Even-

tually they dropped it, to the regret of many high school debating coaches and speech instructors. Legionnaires heard their complaints, and in 1938 The American Legion adopted the program, which is to this day the American Legion National Oratorical Contest.

The Legion required that all orations deal with some aspect of the Constitution of the United States. Elimination contests begin at local high schools, whose winners compete with neighboring winners, then on a county, state, regional and finally national level.

The four national winners get college scholarships from the Legion — top prize being a \$4,000 scholarship. Comedian Eddie Cantor donated the early prizes, then the National Association of Manufacturers.

Since 1946 the national Legion has provided the prize money. The youngest member of the U. S. Senate, Senator Frank Church of Idaho, was one of the

early National Oratorical Contest winners, and an early Governor of Boys' State in Idaho.


The first round of the Oratorical Contest is the big one. It is estimated that each year some 350,000 American boys and girls study the U. S. Constitution well enough to talk on their feet about it in the first round — usually before a group of their classmates. A tip of the hat goes to those high school teachers in thousands of schools who are the real coaches of this program. The Legion's big work begins with the organization and conduct of the contests after the first round. Many posts, as well as county, district and state Legion organizations see that some special award goes to their local winners, and in several states the state winners get scholarships from their state American Legion.

We have noted that WW2 all but broke up the Sons of The American Legion, which was founded in 1932. It never quite developed a unified history of its own. There were 72,000 members in 1941, but it was not beyond the stage of being whatever was made of it locally. It flourished in some states (Pennsylvania had a sixth of the national membership) and was nearly non-existent in others. Now it is on the rise again, and a good history of it awaits a future date. The Sons of The American Legion has the potential to carry on the Legion's programs when the veterans of this century's wars are over the hill.

The Legion's largest national youth program is generally conceded to have been cradled in South Dakota. That is American Legion Junior Baseball, the country's first nationally organized adult-led baseball program for youngsters, and the prototype of Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, Connie Mack Leagues, etc.

Athletics were an obvious tool with which to give boys wholesome and instructive adult leadership in many civic and personal values. The early Legion posts — as early as 1920 — had developed many local football, basketball and baseball teams for kids, and provided Legionnaires as coaches, preceptors and organizers. Posts had also provided playgrounds and athletic fields from the very start. Houma, Louisiana, Legionnaires had hardly organized when they started draining and filling a swamp to build a local playground and ballpark.

By 1924, Legionnaires were talking about a national boys baseball league. The South Dakota Legion organized a statewide baseball tournament, which was accepted by the national Legion as a pilot program. In 1926, Junior Baseball became a national program, and a little World Series was held for the survivors of elimination contests among Legion-formed boys baseball teams all over the United States. A monument in



Chaplain's Corner

By REV. ROBERT G. KEATING
Department Chaplain of Connecticut
St. Bridget's Rectory
Cheshire, Connecticut

Almighty and everlasting God, Giver of Peace and Lover of Charity, Who alone dost great wonders, we beseech Thee, at the opening of this new year, that Thou send down upon our United Nations representatives the spirit of Thy saving grace. Enlighten their minds and inflame their hearts with the wisdom of the serpent and the gentleness of the dove, that they may not be caught in a false peace with an enemy cunning and cruel, an enemy who has defied Thee, scorned Thy love, and persecuted those who love and worship Thee. Help this enemy of all freedom-loving people to see that their principles are intrinsically evil and that peace for man and nations can never come from their teachings. Finally, O Heavenly Father, bless us at home with the deep realization that only by loving Thee and our neighbor, no matter what be his creed or color, can we help to bring peace to our Nation and the nations of the world.

Amen.

Milbank, South Dakota, commemorates the inception of Junior Baseball there in 1925. Frank McCormick, former athletic director of the University of Minnesota, was most instrumental in projecting South Dakota's innovation on a national scale in the Legion.

Junior Baseball was not just sport. The sport was bait which the young ball-players readily took. The Legion from the start was insistent that, along with baseball, the local Legion coach would require his players to learn and live up to all the standards of playing the game that apply also to the game of life.

The Legion was much taken up with

that year. The help given by the major leagues saved Legion baseball, which has held a Little World Series every year since 1928.

It also provided a cradle of talent for the major leagues. Year after year, for more than twenty years, the majority of the big league stars have been grounded in Legion ball in their teens.

Legion baseball, like Boys' State, operates in the field of indigestible numbers.

There is nobody to count the boys who play in all the teams sponsored by posts.

Some 16,000 teams are believed to function each summer, and the total number of boys is usually guessed at something over 300,000.

Exact figures will never be obtainable, since many posts run local baseball leagues that go far beyond the single official tournament team allowed them. The North Dakota Legion runs an unofficial (nationally) "B" league for small schools and communities, in addition to the regular program. The "B" league abides by all the national rules, and a hot team in it can challenge into the "A" competition. Numerous posts sponsor midget baseball leagues of their own or help support the non-Legion Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues, etc.

Mammoth city-wide boys baseball programs are run by Legion posts in many towns. Bloomington, Illinois, is tops among the considerable number of Legion posts whose summer baseball programs embrace hundreds of boys, rather than one or two teams. But the guts of the program is found in the thousands of Legion posts that annually see that they field at least one team — led by a competent and sincere adult.

In many towns, co-sponsors help meet the cost of uniforms, travel and the other high costs of carrying a ball club. The Ford Motor Company encourages its dealers to co-sponsor local Legion teams, and of the many local co-sponsors, Ford dealers are most numerous.

The stature of Legion Junior Baseball is reflected in thousands of different pieces of evidence. To select one, we might cite the tour of an All-Star American Legion Junior Baseball team to Central and South America in 1956, under the aegis of the U. S. State Department, as an important goodwill mission below the border.

In a future story we will sample here some of the youth activities carried on by Legion posts over 40 years that are quite apart from the major nationwide Legion programs.

One thing is certain from what we've already surveyed. By voluntary association, the American war veterans who are in The American Legion have salvaged something from the original destructive mission they were given in 1917, in 1941 and 1950.

THE END



"I'm leaving my money with you and you want me to give you two references?"

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its national convention in Paris, France, in 1927. No national Junior Baseball tournament was held, and there was fear that the expenses of the national Junior Baseball eliminations were more than the Legion would be able to carry.

The late Dan Sowers, of Kentucky, a portly and aggressive Legionnaire whose heart and soul was tied up with Legion Americanism programs, enlisted the support of the major professional baseball leagues to assure the Legion's national tournaments. Sowers and the then czar of baseball — the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis — worked out an agreement whereby organized baseball would guarantee the Legion's national tournament against loss up to a sum which has fluctuated over the years, ranging from \$20,000 to \$60,000. Only in 1934 did professional ball fail to support the Legion program. The influence of the late Frank Knox, New Hampshire Legion leader who became Secretary of the Navy in WW2, helped Sowers raise the needed funds by private subscription in

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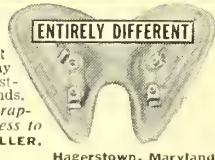


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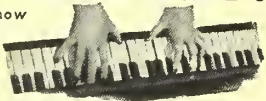
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FLAGS FOR ALL THE WORLD

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ing before a final model was approved. It passed, needless to say, with flying, not running, colors.

Though Annin's business has always been active in wartime, its most challenging problems have arisen during more peaceful periods. For example, when the company made the world's largest flag, an 800-pounder measuring 90 by 220 feet, for the J. L. Hudson Co. in Detroit, it had to design a scale model of the building in order to figure out precisely how to hang the cloth giant.

And company officers still recall vividly the tough problem that faced them when they were called upon to make the world's 'largest free-flying flag, a 60- by 90-foot behemoth that is flown from New York's George Washington Bridge on special occasions.

The firm had to devise a material that would be light and yet strong enough to withstand the winds that whipped down the Hudson River. After several months they came up with a nylon-wool combination, which, for all its lightness, still weighed 350 pounds when its stripes, (each 4 feet, 8 inches wide) were sewn together.

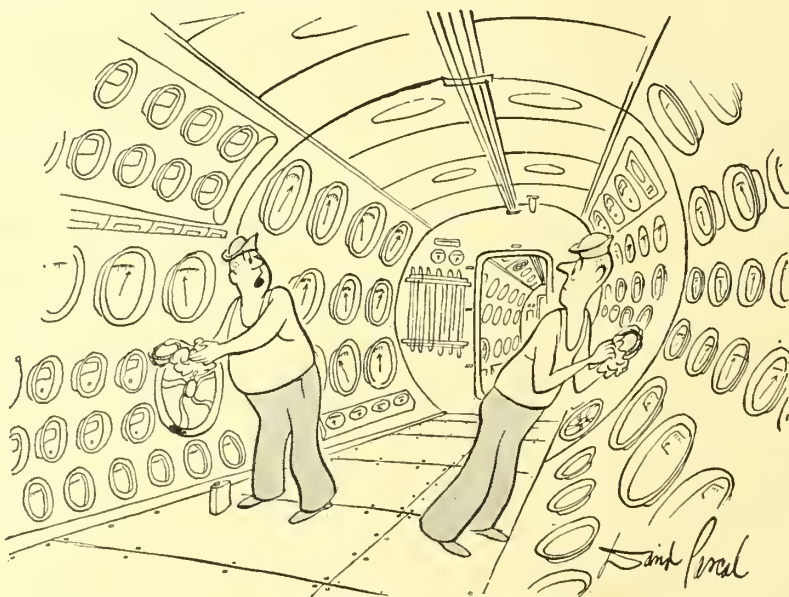
In addition to U.S. flags, Annin turns out a variety of other types. For instance, the company has for more than a century been the place to buy yacht and marine flags.

One particular marine flag originated 45 years ago when a yacht owner needed some means of insuring that he could take his afternoon nap aboard his yacht. Hotel magnet Sam T. Shaw in those days

commuted between 23d Street in Manhattan and Oyster Bay, Long Island. It was his habit to take a short snooze as he headed for Long Island in the afternoon, but his siesta was regularly interrupted. Shaw's trouble arose from the fact that he was almost constantly being hailed by sirens and neighborly shouts of greeting from his friends whose yachts were using the same waters.

So he came to Annin with his problem. What he wanted, he said, was a flag that would be the equivalent of a "do not disturb" sign. Digby Chandler was called into the consultation, and he quickly came up with a design that was an instant hit with Shaw. For the background of the flag Chandler chose a bright yellow (because it can be seen at great distances), and for the center of the flag he suggested a circular design (yang-yin, the ancient Oriental symbol) half red and half blue. Shaw was delighted with the flag and he flew it regularly. Other yachtsmen saw it and liked it, and before long it was in widespread use. It became known as the "slumber flag," a name that Chandler tagged on it, and it is now officially recognized as such among yachtsmen.

The latest wrinkle in marine flags is gag pennants, colorful 12-inch by 18-inch flags that are flown strictly for laughs. Annin makes many of these in many different designs, and will be happy to supply you with such models as a wife-ashore flag (a witch flying off on a broomstick), a mother-in-law flag (a starkly severe battleax), a boss-



"I wish some of those brainy guys would come up with atomic polish."

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on-board banner (a cigar rampant surrounded by energetic clouds of smoke), a wife-aboard flag (a ball and chain), or a gag pennant version of the slumber flag (a saw cutting through a log surmounted by a chain of snoring "z-z-z-z's"). If none of these appeals to you, Annin will make a flag from your own design.

Oddly enough, feminine foibles influence even the flag business. Says one Annin executive: "Generally, we advise our customers to buy nylon-and-wool flags because they're less likely to wrap themselves around the halyards when they get wet. But we can't convince women; they apparently think only in terms of their own unmentionables, and almost invariably insist on buying all-nylon models."

In recent years Annin has also experienced a boom for State flags, with Texas in biggest demand, and California a close second. Says Randy Beard, a descendant of Alexander Annin and a top executive in the firm, "I guess the boom is due to the recent resurgence of States rights issues." These issues are also undoubtedly behind the most remarkable flag phenomenon of the past few years — the great revival of the Confederate banner. Annin executives have never been able to figure this out to their satisfaction. For although there has been a strong and understandable demand from the South, and especially from Southern colleges, the largest college order has come, inexplicably, from a Northern college.

Because Annin has been in business so long, and because its reputation is worldwide, it is not surprising that the company does an active business in foreign flags. These, however, sometimes provide more problems than profits. A few years ago Annin experienced a brisk demand for the light-blue striped flag of Israel when that country was in the process of formation. A while later, the Israeli parliament adopted a dark blue stripe. Annin changed its colors accordingly. However, such a public howl went up from those who had become accustomed to the lighter tones that Annin had to resume production of them as well. For several years the company turned out two national flags for the little nation.

It's our South American neighbors, however, who have presented Annin with some of its most amusing perplexities. Venezuelan officials, for example, refuse to buy Venezuelan flags made outside their borders. However, they insist on purchasing all their flag cloth from Annin.

U.S. Government orders sometimes seem to present as many headaches as those caused by foreign contracts, but after all these years Annin is used to dealing with the vagaries of bureaucracy.

Only a couple of months ago a woman working for a Government purchasing office in New Jersey called to place a large order for U.S. flags. Stu Cook, Annin's comptroller, took the call and explained that it would take a few days to get the flags from Puerto Rico.

"My dear sir," the woman said, "you can cancel the order. I wouldn't dream of ordering flags made in a foreign country."

"But, madam," Cook protested, "Puerto Rico is part of the United States."

The woman paused, then retorted firmly, "I don't care. I'd never buy flags that weren't made here in the States."

Then she added, "Come to think of it, I don't even like the idea of going outside New Jersey for them."

Difficult as sharp-tongued women may be, Annin finds that they can't hold a candle to the ingenious obstacles raised by Federal laws. Recently, for instance, Congress passed a unification act specifying that the Office of the Quartermaster General was to buy flags for all military branches except the Coast Guard. There was one joker in the pack however: each branch was allowed to establish its own specifications. The result: the law is sometimes about as effective as a two-handed golf club. Annin recently received orders from three service groups for the Haitian flag. Dutifully, the company followed specifications — and turned out three separate flags, each one differing substantially from the others.

These problems are relatively minor, however, compared to the ones that have been presented by the granting of statehood to Alaska and Hawaii. In the first place, the company has had to junk all its old flagmaking stencils, which means, roughly, a \$10,000 investment down the drain. In the second place, it is in the process of counting up its inventory loss from unsold 48-star flags; the firm won't be surprised if the total comes to \$40,000. Annin accepts this with stoic resignation, even though it might have been able to influence the adoption of a design that would have saved the company money. When the design of the new 50-star flag was still under consideration, one Congressman



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"You want a frank answer?" Chandler replied.

"Naturally," said the Congressman, a bit worried.

"OK. Financially, it's superb. It means we can take our whole stock, just add a couple of stars, and save ourselves a loss of thousands of dollars."

"Then you like it," the happy politician exclaimed.

"Frankly," said Chandler, "it's terrible. If you suggest it on Capitol Hill,

you'll be laughed right out of Washington. My advice to you, Congressman, is to fold up your design and stay very quiet."

Chandler may have lost a Congressman and a small fortune in unsellable flags, but Annin & Co. maintained a principle: if you're going to make flags, make the best-looking darn flags in the world.

Actually, the flag that will become the official U. S. flag on July 4 this year was designed by Chandler in 1949. And he takes justifiable pride in the fact that his design for the 50-star flag was the one chosen from among the 1,200 submitted for consideration to the President's flag committee.

THE END

THE DAY I DIED!

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and the liquid that helped revive me was homemade apple cider.

The Frenchman's daughter, Jeanne, who spoke more English than I spoke French, told me that her father had found me unconscious in his apple orchard. Worriedly, I inquired about my parachute. Jeanne informed me her father had gathered it up and buried it so that the nazi search patrols would not find it.

"The chute was opened?"

"Of course," she said. "But even so, you must have fallen on your head and cut it quite seriously." She apologized

for the amateurish bandage she'd made.

I told her what had happened in the plane and how I had banged my head when I was dragged out by suction.

"But if you were unconscious on the way down, then who —"

"Yeah," I interrupted, "who pulled the ripcord to open my chute?"

Jeanne and I looked toward her father for an answer. He poured golden apple cider into my empty cup. Then he removed his beret.

"The arm of God," he said, "has a long reach."

THE END



"He was digging a hole to bury his bone."

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HOW TO DROP AN IMPRESSION

(Continued from page 19)

Africa? Oh, no, not Africa. Everybody has been to Africa.

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Suppose, for example, there happened to be an automobile called "The Haguar." And the Brand Droppers called it by a nickname — oh, something like "The Hag."

"I got myself a new Hag," you might say.

"How did you get rid of your old Hag?" a friend could conceivably inquire.

"Oh," you would shrug, "I traded my old Hag in on a new Hag."

It could get a little sticky, I suppose. Recognizing that people are fond of this intimacy, and particularly of short names — or initials — The Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas is popularizing its first two initials on its towels and ashtrays.

"I just love the D.I.," I heard a movie star say.

And in the same fashion, the Riviera has become "the Riv."

To the knowing in New York, El Morocco is "Elmer's."

Television has Brand Dropping in the form of Program Dropping. The intellectuals have had a hard battle defending their lofty position. First, you remember, they wouldn't permit a TV set in the house. TV was for morons. Then they began yielding; they would squint with one eye only, and never except Sunday afternoons when they could glimpse *Onnibus* or the programs that were "worthwhile." They would not condescend to consider the cheap clowns and buffoons of the popular shows.

We still have some of those viewers who publicly proclaim their devotion to the intellectuals of TV, but secretly long for the next comeback of Pinky Lee.

The Jet Droppers include me.

Yes, I've done the jet bit a few times, and I don't know whether I ought to admit that I still fly sometimes in a "prop job."

The jets, of course, have had a little trouble getting "adjusted" and "oriented," and the last one I took to Europe was 12 hours late getting off the ground. But I went by jet, didn't I? THE END

LEGIONNAIRES

You'll find all sorts of bargains in tools, games, home furnishings, toys, and miscellaneous gift items in the pages of "The American Legion Shopper" this month. Save time-consuming trips to the crowded stores. See page 48.

chug up to his table in a new low-slung red Ferrari racing ear.

Perhaps the Brand Dropping wouldn't be so amusing if everybody were perfectly honest. But I heard a man say:

"I went to see the Bolshoi three times, and I hated it."

"Why did you go back?" some silly fellow asked him.

"Had to. Everybody in our set was doing it, and my wife would have been destroyed if I hadn't. You should have heard me yell 'bravo.'"

Artist Droppers, Author Droppers, Celebrity Droppers, Espresso Droppers, Foreign Film Droppers, Utrillo Droppers, Picasso Droppers, and Kafka Droppers are all practitioners of Brand Dropping in their own way. There are even Preacher Droppers. I even heard of a New Yorker who wouldn't go to church on Sunday when he heard that Rev. Norman Vincent Peale wasn't in the pulpit that day.

Do you know there are even Girl Droppers, and Women Droppers? (Sakes Alive! Perhaps even Wife Droppers!)

Unehivalrous as it seems in this day when gallantry appears to be dying on the vine, not to mention the Hollywood and Vine, there are even guys who go out with Zsa Zsa Gabor so that they can say they have been out with Zsa Zsa Gabor. These are the guys who know Zsa Zsa well enough to call her "Zsa."

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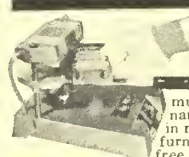
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ROD AND GUN CLUB

(Continued from page 36)

HERE'S ANOTHER recipe for Brunswick stew. It's to serve four people and is based on one squirrel:

- 1 squirrel
- 2 quarts boiling water
- 1 cup corn
- 1 cup lima beans
- 2 potatoes
- ½ onion
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ teaspoons sugar
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 cups tomatoes

(1) Clean squirrel and cut into six or seven pieces.

(2) To water add squirrel, corn, lima beans, potatoes, onion, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer for two hours. Add the tomatoes and sugar; simmer for one hour. Add butter and simmer for 10 minutes.

(3) Bring to a boil and remove from fire. Add additional salt and pepper as desired. Cooking time: 3 hours, 10 minutes.

THESE IDEAS from D. G. Kuhn, of 71 Division St., Gloversville, N. Y.: "Always hang your lantern high over the table when out camping, thus keeping the insects above you instead of around your head. When going fishing, pin a couple of different-sized safety pins inside your shirt; they may come in handy, especially to untie knots in a tangled fishline. If you are going out hunting where the winds are sharp and cold, take along a good pair of sunglasses or goggles; they'll protect you from flying dirt particles."

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION has added a new manual, "Range Construction, Part-Time & Special" (price \$1.00), to their list of range plans and range construction manuals. During the past year and a half the NRA has completely overhauled their standard manuals and, in addition, have two new major works "in the making." The new manuals will be "Running Deer Ranges" and "Safety and International-Type Ranges." If you are interested in range construction plans for outdoor and indoor rifle (high power or small bore) and pistol or benchrest shooting, write the NRA, att. Walter Howe, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D.C., for "Order Form for Range Plans."

AMONG THE seven new Johnson Sea-Horse outboard engines for 1960 are several that should interest fishermen. For example, the Sea-Horse 10, priced at \$325, handles light runabouts, fishing utilities, skiffs, and large canoes. A manually started, two-cylinder job, it can also be used as an auxiliary for sailboats.

The new line also includes the Sea-Horse 5½ (at \$235) and the Sea-Horse 3 (at \$160). See these fine motors at your local dealer's. Of course if you crave something really deluxe, there's the 75 hp. Super Sea-Horse, selling at \$895. This four-cylinder job has an electric starter. All prices f.o.b. Waukegan, Ill. Write Thomas B. Kalbfus at Johnson Motors, Waukegan, Ill. for catalog and further description.

THERE ARE about 340 shooting grounds listed in 36 states in the 1960 List of Shooting Preserves published by the Sportsmen's Service Bureau. The colorful illustrated folder gives the name of the preserve, address and telephone number, plus kind of game available, such as Pheasants, Quail, Chukars or Mallards. Cost of nonresident licenses also given. Write to Harry Hampton, Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 205 E. 43d St., New York 17, N. Y. for your free copy.

FOR FAST, light recoil loads, we can recommend the Peters Victor field load. It's good for marshland and upland hunting, and it gives good pattern density. Fine for everything from rail to rabbit. Use Victor spreader loads for hunting in close cover with a full-choke gun. Twelve-gauge 2¾" shells with 3 drams of powder and 1½ oz. of shot cost \$2.80 a box in sizes 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9. Spreader loads, 12-gauge 2¾" shell, with 3 drams of powder and 1½ oz. of size 8 shot sells for \$2.95 a box.



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ALTHOUGH FISHING is off in many sections now, we like this clever item from H. C. Hanewinkel, 8941 Valcour Ave., Affton, Mo. You Northerners can save it for your bass season. It concerns fishing for bass in deep water. "My hook is baited with a minnow. Next, with a couple of inches of string I tie a nut or bolt to an ordinary pretzel. The pretzel is then hung onto the hook, and this takes the minnow and the hook to the bottom. In a few seconds the water dissolves the pretzel, releasing the weight. The minnow then swims leisurely toward the surface, making a nice dinner for the bass in the cool deep. Then comes that jerk on the line, and I have my fish."

IF YOUR STATE is one that requests that you send in, say, the wings and tails of grouse you have shot, or the ears of rabbits or the bands on ducks, it could pay dividends for you to cooperate. Many of the States offer prizes at the end of the year, putting the names of the people who cooperated in a hopper, and drawing them out for prizes. Shotguns, fishing rods, and various other surprise gifts have been awarded the lucky and the worthy.

EDWIN R. GIFFELS, 619 King St., Stroudsburg, Pa., has an idea that makes safety-sense:

"I have several gauges of shotguns and to keep them separate and to make sure that I have the right gauge for the right gun, I buy all shells for each gauge in a specific brand. Several of the largest manufacturers seem to prefer certain colors for their shells, for example:

Winchester-Western	— Red
Remington	— Green
Peters	— Blue

"Each company is large enough to give you a complete selection of all sizes of shot and all different powder charges.

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AUTOMOBILES KILLED 3,085 deer in Michigan in 1958, marking the third consecutive year that the highway kill totals there have reached the 3,000 level. Nearly 40,000 dogs were killed in Virginia alone. The total of animal life destroyed on the road is tremendous, shocking, and unnecessary. Researchers believe that most of the auto kills are made at night when the animals hesitate in the road, blinded and confused by the car lights. Blinking the lights will send them scampering to safety. Using your brakes, and traveling at such speed that you can stop your car in time will also save animal lives. "Give our wildlife a brake," may be a corny phrase, but it is a lifesaving one.

WE LIKE this from the *West Virginia Conservation Magazine*: The spring and summer of 1959 will probably go down in history as one of the poorest duck nesting seasons on record. According to reports received from waterfowl biologists working in the Canadian Provinces and North and South Dakota, this is one of the worst hatching seasons for many years. Under new legislation which became effective July 1 of this year, the fee was raised from \$2 to \$3 on the Federal Stamp. The new legislation provides that all money, except that needed to cover printing and handling of the stamps, would be used for selection and acquisition of waterfowl habitat. We hope duck hunters bought their \$3 Federal Duck Stamps this season even if they never fired a gun at any waterfowl.

RAY BROWN, Box 993, Bridgeport, Wash., says that when he fishes for trout high up in the mountain streams of his native State and the fish won't bite on flies or worms, he pulls some wool from the red tassel of his winter cap and puts that on the hook. Ray claims it works.

— Jack Denton Scott

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Uncle Sam, by Alton Ketchum. HILL AND WANG, \$4.50. The story of the famous symbol of America, and the cartoonists who have portrayed him through the years.

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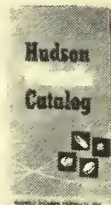
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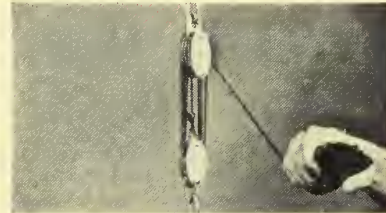
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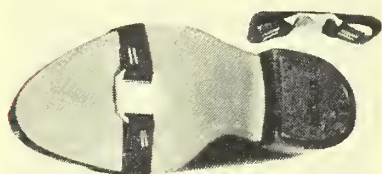
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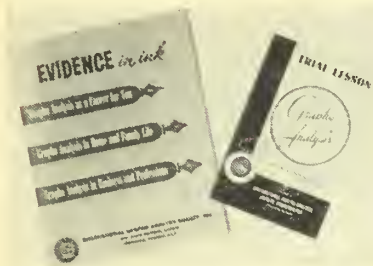
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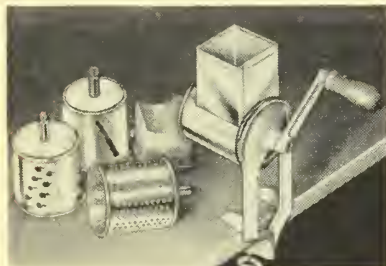
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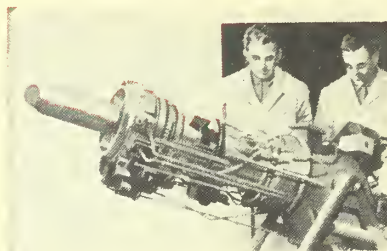
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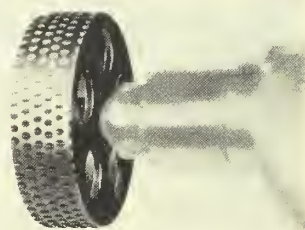
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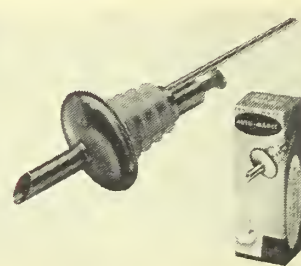
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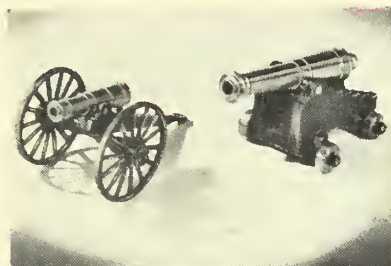
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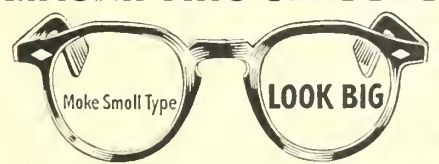


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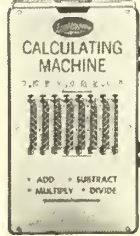
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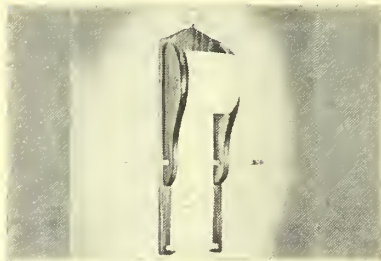
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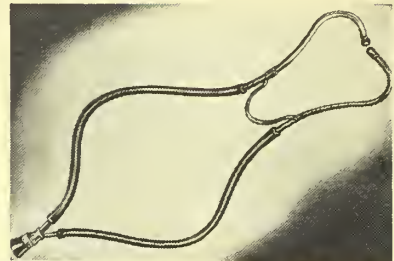
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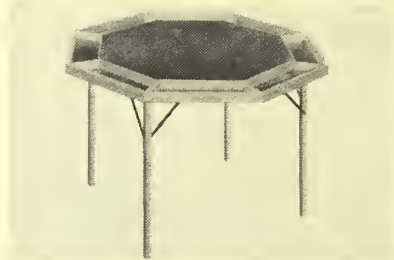
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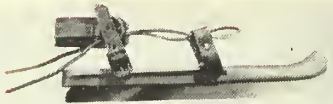
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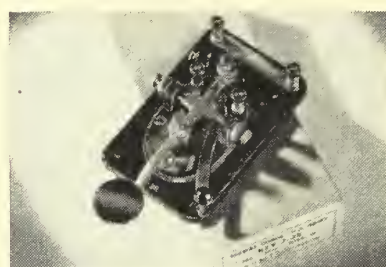
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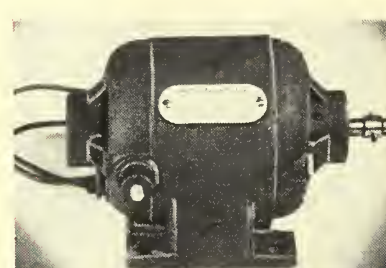
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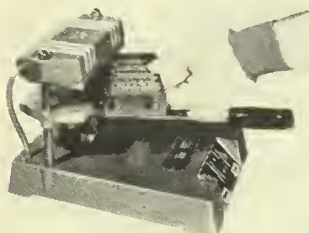


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"I had a little balance in the bank," young

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Eating It Up

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—HAL CHADWICK

Getting On

*I once was "pushing fifty," but,
As mirrors well remind me,
I am not pushing fifty now,
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—RICHARD ARMOUR

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